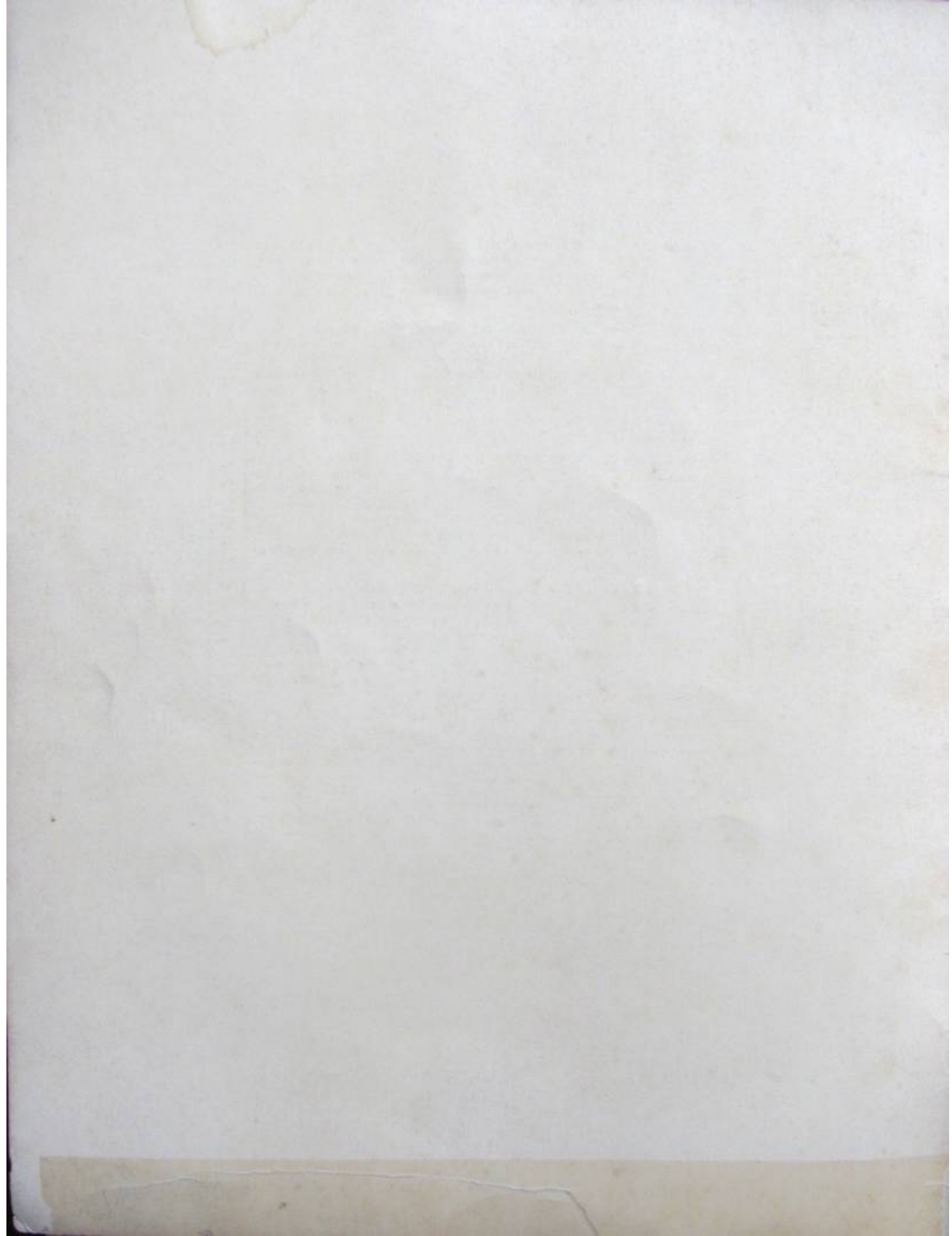
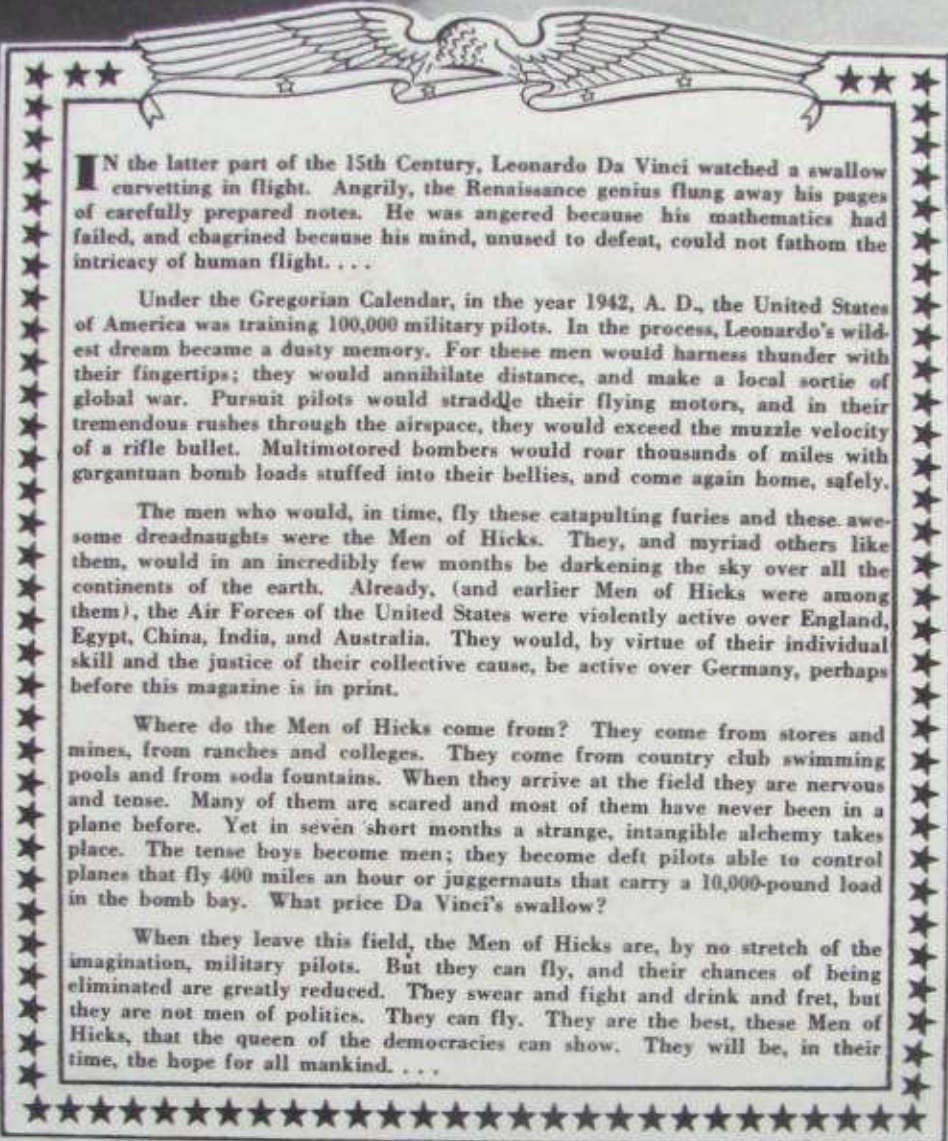


HICKS FIELD
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

307th ARMY AIR FORCES
PRIMARY TRAINING DETACHMENT





IN the latter part of the 15th Century, Leonardo Da Vinci watched a swallow curvetting in flight. Angrily, the Renaissance genius flung away his pages of carefully prepared notes. He was angered because his mathematics had failed, and chagrined because his mind, unused to defeat, could not fathom the intricacy of human flight. . . .

Under the Gregorian Calendar, in the year 1942, A. D., the United States of America was training 100,000 military pilots. In the process, Leonardo's wildest dream became a dusty memory. For these men would harness thunder with their fingertips; they would annihilate distance, and make a local sortie of global war. Pursuit pilots would straddle their flying motors, and in their tremendous rushes through the airspace, they would exceed the muzzle velocity of a rifle bullet. Multimotored bombers would roar thousands of miles with gargantuan bomb loads stuffed into their bellies, and come again home, safely.

The men who would, in time, fly these catapulting furies and these awesome dreadnaughts were the Men of Hicks. They, and myriad others like them, would in an incredibly few months be darkening the sky over all the continents of the earth. Already, (and earlier Men of Hicks were among them), the Air Forces of the United States were violently active over England, Egypt, China, India, and Australia. They would, by virtue of their individual skill and the justice of their collective cause, be active over Germany, perhaps before this magazine is in print.

Where do the Men of Hicks come from? They come from stores and mines, from ranches and colleges. They come from country club swimming pools and from soda fountains. When they arrive at the field they are nervous and tense. Many of them are scared and most of them have never been in a plane before. Yet in seven short months a strange, intangible alchemy takes place. The tense boys become men; they become deft pilots able to control planes that fly 400 miles an hour or juggernauts that carry a 10,000-pound load in the bomb bay. What price Da Vinci's swallow?

When they leave this field, the Men of Hicks are, by no stretch of the imagination, military pilots. But they can fly, and their chances of being eliminated are greatly reduced. They swear and fight and drink and fret, but they are not men of politics. They can fly. They are the best, these Men of Hicks, that the queen of the democracies can show. They will be, in their time, the hope for all mankind. . . .



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FLIGHT SURGEON



FIRST LT. R. F. HARTMAN

ASSISTANT SURGEON



Front Row, left to right—Lt. Hartman, Major Cassidy, Sgt. Saunders. Rear Row, left to right—Corporal Benjamin, Pvt. Anderson, Pvt. Winstead, Corporal Martinez, Corporal Clayton.

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ASBURY W. MEADOWS

DIRECTOR OF THE FIELD



MISS LORINE WOOD

SECRETARY



FRANK PARKER

AUDITOR



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J. E. ROBINSON

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J. Y. PHILLIPS

OPERATIONS MANAGER



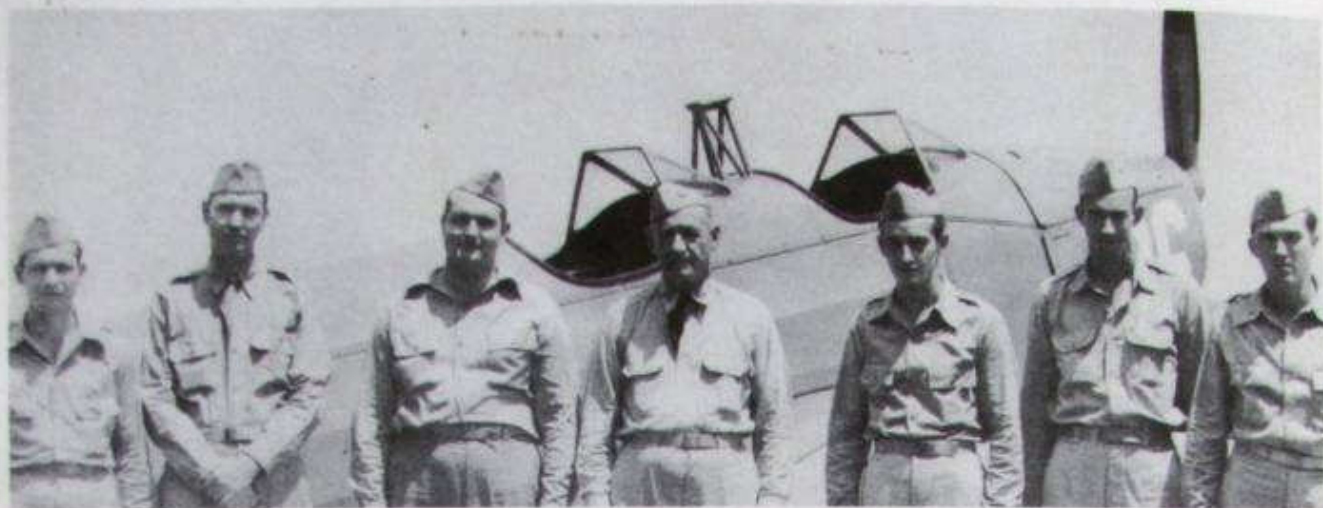
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THE SCHOOL

GROUND SCHOOL

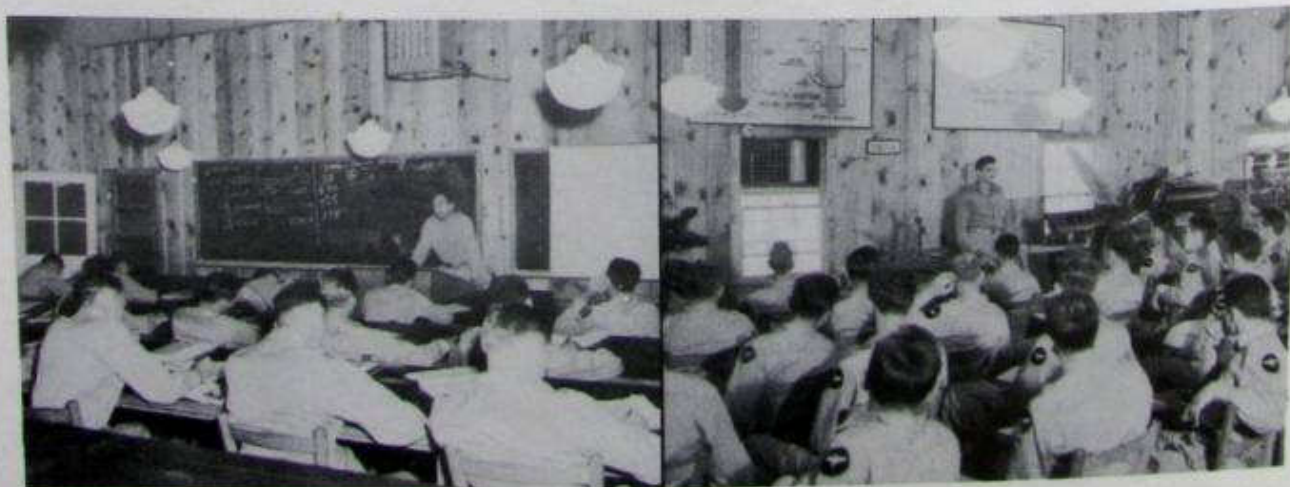



Left to right: Warner Brock, Navigation; Harry Gateley, Jr., Utility Instructor; W. J. Blount, Jr., Meteorology; R. B. Claggett, Ground School Director; Robert Denton, Aircraft; Buck J. Ferguson, Engines; J. T. Llewelyn, Engines.



R. B. CLAGGETT

DIRECTOR OF GROUND SCHOOL



An aerial photograph of a school campus, likely Hickman High School, showing various buildings, a parking lot, and surrounding fields. The text is overlaid on a white rectangular background in the center of the image.

THE MEN OF HICKS
CLASS 43-B

CLASS 43-B

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1ST. LT. A. A. McPHEETERS
Oklahoma City

1ST. LT. D. T. SMITH
Leetonia, Ohio

2ND. LT. C. H. KNAPP, JR.
Indianapolis, Ind.

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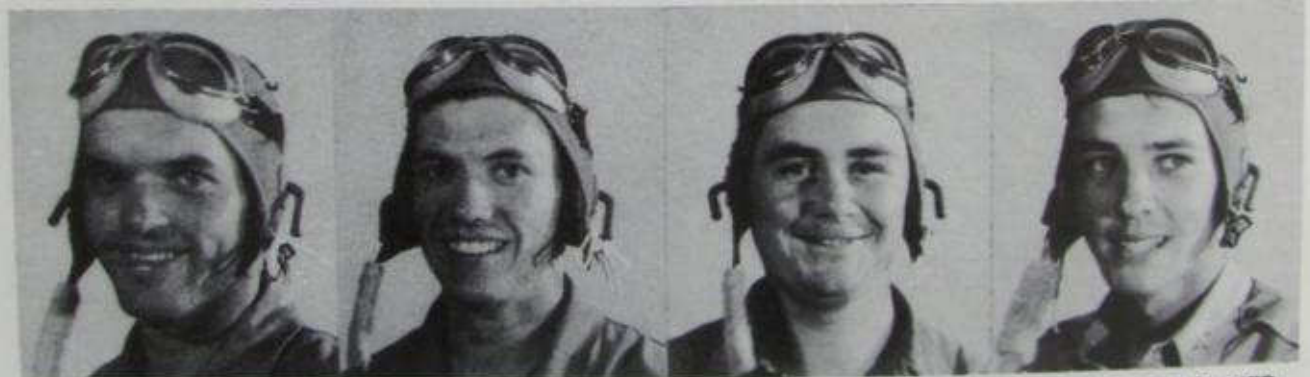


ANDERSON, C. HOWARD
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APPLEGATE, JAS. WM.
Indianapolis, Ind.

ARMSTRONG, JAS. C., JR.
Fort Worth, Texas

ARNS, GLENN EDWARD
Waverly, Ohio



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AUTERY, J. L.
Oklahoma City

BAILEY, JOHN HERBERT
Melrose, Mass.

BASSEL, OTIS BAKER
McQueen, Okla.



BEAMAN, ROBERT ELI
Delaware, Ohio

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Mt. Morris, Mich.

BECKNER, ALFRED A., JR.
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COCHRAN, RILEY S.
Roswell, N. M.

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Fort Worth, Texas



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Irving, Texas



RUBY, BILLY EDWARD
Lubbock, Texas



SAWYER, JOHN RICHARD
Evanston, Ill.



SAWYER, TED VERNON
Hillsboro, Texas



SAYERS, ESTEL KEITH
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SCHEIDERER, N. EARL
Marysville, Ohio



SCHELUCHIN, W. ROYE
Vernon, Texas



SCHIFF, FREDERICK
West Liberty, Ohio



SCHLOSSBERG, M. ELIOT
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SCHMITZ, PAUL B.
Decatur, Ind.



SCHRECK, R. WESLEY
Huntington, Ind.



SHATTUCK, LONNIE C., JR.
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SHERWOOD, ROBERT W.
Lake Villa, Ill.

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SMITH, L. Z.
Denton, Texas



SMITH, RAYFORD H.
Okmulgee, Okla.



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Mexia, Texas



SMITH, RICHARD W.
Chicago, Ill.



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Monroe, La.



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Albany, N. Y.



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Shreveport, La.



SNOWDEN, K. SHARON
Wayne, Ohio

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SNYDER, RICHARD JAS. Elyria, Ohio SNYDER, ROBERT PHILIP New Philadelphia, Ohio SOFTY, FRANK GUSTAVE New York SONNER, RICHARD G. New York, N. J.



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STUBBLEFIELD, LEE E.
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TENGLER, JEROME J.
Schulenburg, Texas

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Fittstown, Okla.

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THOMSON, RICHARD W.
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POLLIO, JOSEPH P.
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Chicago, Ill.



TRAVIS, BILLY EMMETT
Shawnee, Okla.



TURNER, JACK KENNETH
Marion, Ohio



VENCKUS, JOSEPH J.
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VEREECKEN, ROBERT H.
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Cumberland, Md.



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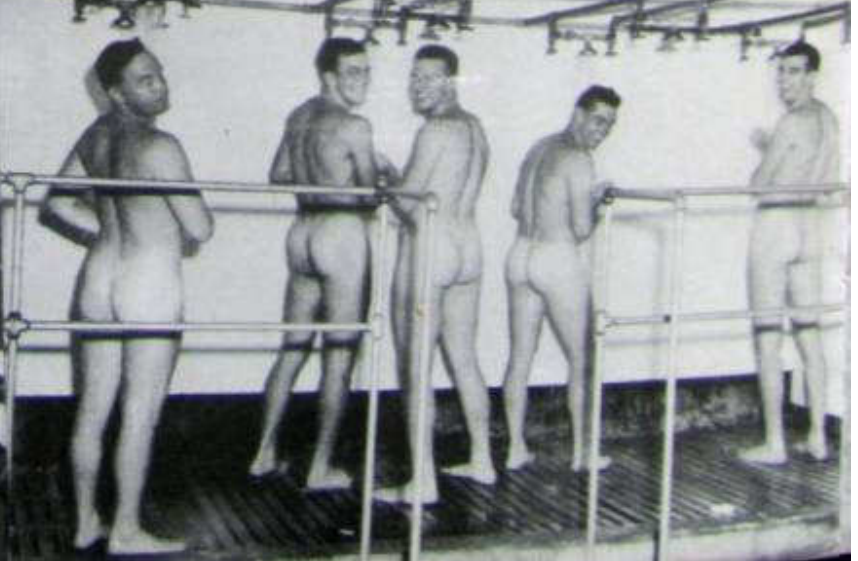
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ZIMMERMAN, VINCENT D.
Delta, Ohio







FLIGHT LINE

TORQUE

And Other Deviations from the Normal

WHO had more fun than Class 43-B? Sound off if there is such a stray soul. We bet he's just another kay-det.

All you have to do is look around; there are more characters who resided in B and D barracks than in the whole state of Texas, parlez-vous. A character has been defined as nothing more than a jerk with personality and the guys who wrote this were the third, fourth and fifth jerks on a tug-o-war team, so here are our characters of old Hicks Field!

There's Rayford Smith, of Oklahoma, who wails over his beer that he's had only one month of civilian life since graduating from high school. He's the only flight lieutenant we've heard who gives commands like he had a mouthful of red hot pepper. F'instance—"Forrrd Hbbhharrh!" For the first two weeks here his flight beseeched the War Department for an M-94 device to decipher his commands.

Add A. R. Spears, the little fellow who so closely resembles the pilot of ship No. 13 on all those Air Corps posters around. He's the one who, during those dodo inspections, was asked once why he was at ease and not at attention. Came the fast reply: "I am at attention; my uniform's at ease." Not new, but it fitted the situation like a glove.

We can't forget W. T. (Bill) Spitzer, the Cleveland guy with a face like 10 miles of unpaved road. We call him "Lover;" what a memory we, and no doubt Spit, have for those Sunday 7 p. m. rodeos.

Even yet pudgy-faced Riley S. Cochran tells of how he says to the big blond, "Let go o' my lips, honey, I gotta spit."

How about M. E. (Sonny) Schlossberg? Two weeks after hitting Texas from Detroit, he was established as the Air Corps' most promising comedian. He still is promising. While a dodo he added broomstick balancing and drilling to his repertoire.

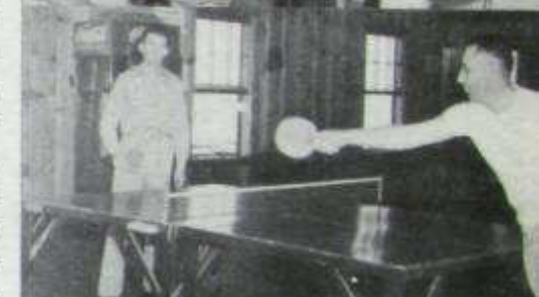
We thought Bill Prew's feet were big (Prew of 43-A), but 43-B goes him one better. B. G. Southward has a pair of tugboats size 14. One look at his pads and someone (who was it?) suggested that he throw away the shoes and wear the boxes they came in. In Schlossberg's words, some understanding.

John L. Smith, the Saginaw kid who puts everything into every step he takes, still thinks Gesundheit is Horace Heidt's brother. Big Fred Schiff, who left basket ball coaching at Ohio State and three-lettering at Columbia, still worries about his falling hair. He has reached the point where, when he settles into one of Barber Blanks' chairs, he debates about asking for a haircut or a shave.

Handsome R. M. Davis set an early record for 43-B. At only the two-hour stage, he began flying by the seat of his pants. He forgot to fasten his safety belt, one quick maneuver and Mister Davis was floating around with nothing to do but look for his ship. Says Davis, "It was o. k. I had my fall suit on."

J. T. White and Jack (Schnozzle) Sawyer, the latter of Chicago's north shore, tried golf shortly after their arrival at Hicks, Sawyer still trying to follow the footsteps of a famous father. White told Sawyer to tee off first, and Sawyer misunderstood him.

Popshots with the scattergun: Johnny White (J. T., Jr., sir), another of Detroit's swimming gifts to the Air Corps, declares loudly that he didn't mind those clouds of crickets getting into his bed with him but he did get mad (once) when as an underclassman he got gigged for 12 of them having a picnic in his shirt pocket during inspection one night—Bill Wallace spent his first four weeks in a sulk. Once offered a job with Ringling Brothers-Barnum Bailey as third man high in one of the circus's acrobatic troupes, he was told by an upperclassman (and Maj. Sears once) that his back was too curved, making for a raunchy brace . . .



CLASS 43-B

INSTRUCTING PERSONNEL--GROUP ONE



Back Row: Freeman, Floyd, Russell, Owen, Nichols, DuVon. Middle Row: Whaley, Patty, Compton, Householder, Haines, Curl, Smith, J. W. Front Row: Munro, Buford, Cooper, Fuller, Cook.



T. M. COOPER
GROUP COMMANDER

SQUADRON COMMANDERS

H. A. FREEMAN	A. W. MUNRO
W. E. NICHOLS	F. M. FLOYD
R. H. DU VON	V. W. RUSSELL



L. E. FULLER
ASSISTANT COMMANDER



W. C. BUFORD
DISPATCHER

CLASS 43-B

INSTRUCTING PERSONNEL--GROUP TWO



Back Row: Skalicky, Norwood, Scott, White, R. M., Locher. Middle Row: Pemberton, Yoakum, Lowry, Simmons, Parrish, Man, Johnson. Front Row: Simpson, L. W., DeWitt, Parker, Screws, Ritchie.

SQUADRON COMMANDERS

E. W. PARRISH	T. F. PEMBERTON
L. W. SIMPSON	E. J. JOHNSON
R. A. LOCHER	W. G. SCOTT



J. C. PARKER
GROUP COMMANDER



V. DeWITT
DISPATCHER



F. G. SCREWS
ASSISTANT COMMANDER

CLASS 43-A



GROUP ONE

Benton, P. G.
Lt. Simpson, D. N.
Biron
Mosher
Bennett
Binkley
Lt. Scott, T. H.
Jackson
Bailey, B. E.
Anderstrom
O'Brien
Bell
Anderson, L. J.
Ammons
Adair
Montgomery
McQuay
Moss
Olsen, C. P.
Alexander

Barnes
Anders
Allen, B. H.
Bickett
Baker
O'Flahavan
Bird
McLernon
Arthur
Bock
Allen, C.
Adams, D. E.
Adams, E. D.
Bobo
Barrett
Apgar
Olson, R. L.
Bigum
Goodman

GROUP TWO

Threlfall
Peck
Petersen
Palmer, C. B.
Willis
Pinke
Wallace
Prnett
Petto
Palmer, J. W.
Quist
Lt. Musser
Williams
Pettibone
Parkerson
Lt. Bennett
Penn
Richardson
Plymale
Scharff
Pariseau
Sherwood
Richmond

Wilson
Simms
Purcell
Pratt
Rocholl
Parkinson
Rea
Prescott
Penning
Phillips
Lt. Caldwell
Pollio
Royle
Wickkiser
Lt. Spruance
Webb
Parks
Ritterskamp
Prew
Pogue
O'Toole
Powell
Lt. Van Cleef

HICKS FIELD

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

B. E. MILLER
SUPERINTENDENT
OF MAINTENANCE



HANGAR CHIEFS

Left to right: Walker, Linn, Gifford, Miller, Whitaker, Carmichael, Green.



Front Row: J. D. Miller, Driskell, Scott, Lanham, Blumberg, Bechman, Gifford, Hill, Bethal, Lemmons, Housely, Vester, St. John, Taylor, Yarbrough, Baker, Russell, Jones.
 2nd Row: Brown, Altizer, White, Dominguez, Worsham, Bursey, Barker, Shivers, Morrison, Spivey, Walker, Moorehead, Miller, B. E., Winningham, Green, Cloninger, Bickley, Hudson, Keating, Hamilton, Gilliam, Duffield, Edmonds, Dunn.
 3d Row: Tracy, Davis, Green, Cowart, Bolton, Collins, Hunter, Singmons, Kells, Tyson, Edmonds, Hall, Linn, Carmichael, Whitaker, Palmer, Johnston, Talianferro, Batchelor, Baker, Ross, Goldsberry, Price, Hazelwood, Brown, Goolsky, Boyd, Storras.
 Back Row: Hood, Sprague, Cobb, Prather, McBee, Elam, Carson, McCraw, Morris, Beauchamp, Heines, Schnaibel, R. C. Miller, Walker, Lowrance, Baker, Riley, McDaniels, Farley, Abshire, Pettigrew, Seanz, Allen, Norton, Cavitt, Beauchamp, Clifton.

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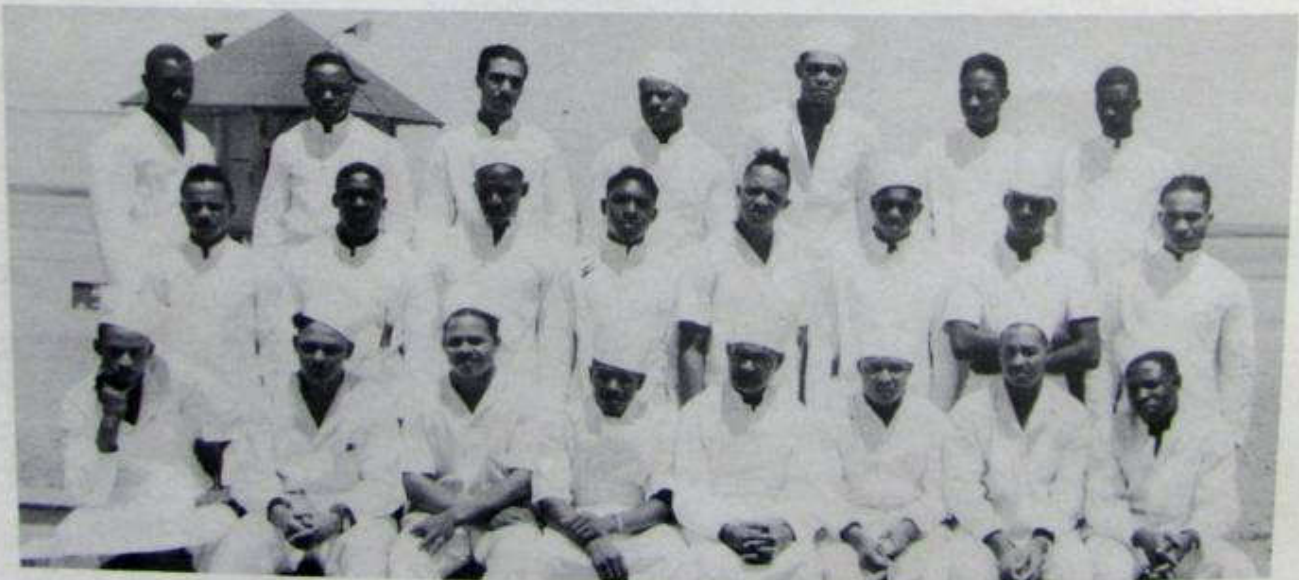
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ASSISTANT
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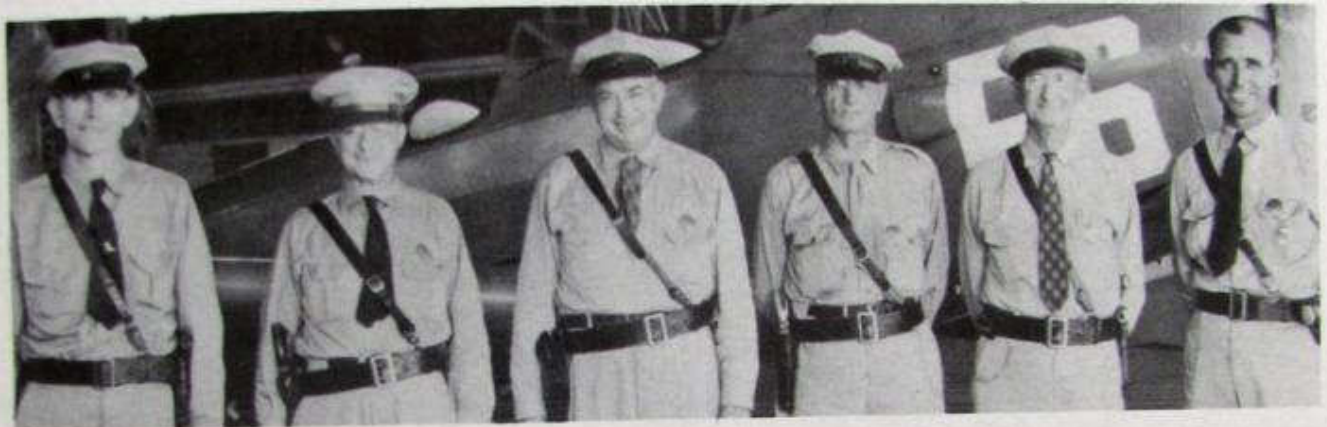


Top Row: Taylor, Cochran, Richey, Silman, Jackson, Brisco, Austin. Middle Row: Watson, Barton, Reed, Griffin, Faulkner, Bell, Harrison, Whaley. Lower Row: Lee, Thomas, Jones, Wiesner, Littles, Jones, Moreland, Brown.

HICKS FIELD

FIELD POLICE

W. L. ZENT
CHIEF



GUARDS: (left to right): Hull, Routt, Zent, Yarbrough, Moore, Morrison.

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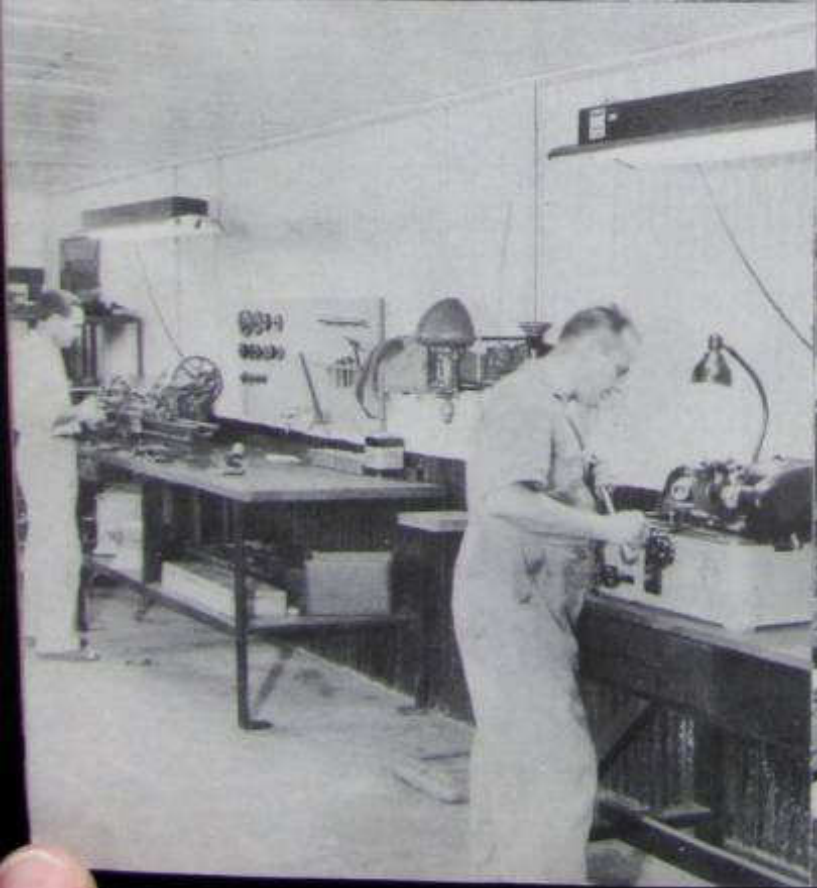
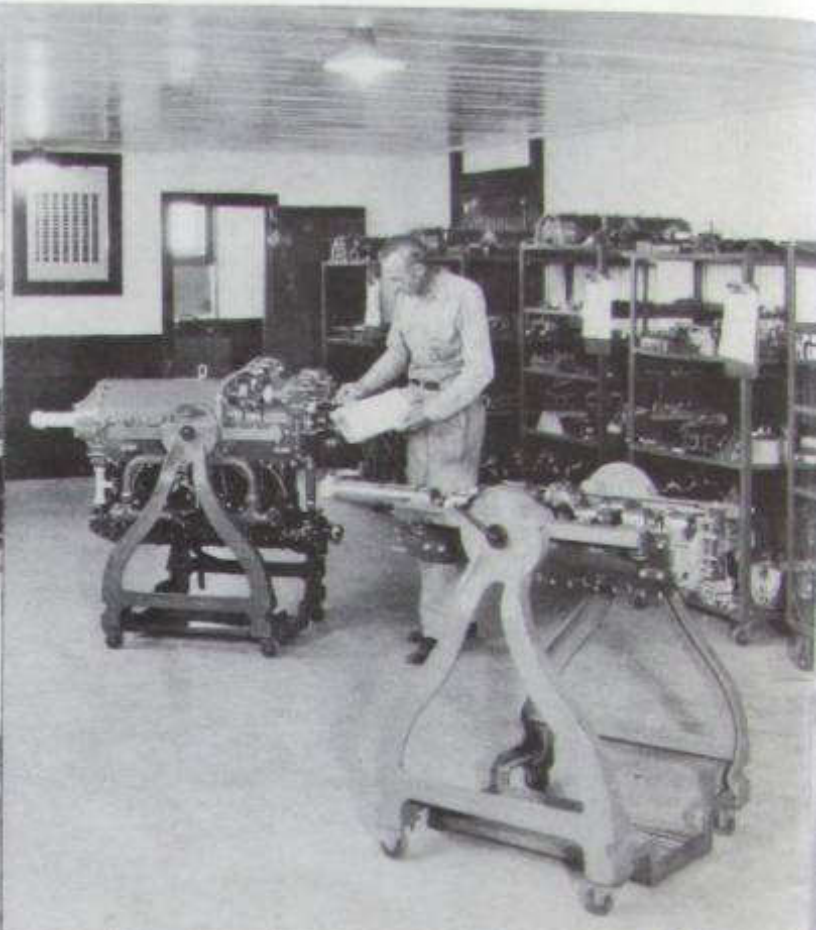
J. R. VESTER
FOREMAN



Front Row (Left to right): Bethel, Lemmons, Vester, Housely, Beckman. Back Row (Left to right): Scott, Lanham, Baker, Russell.



OVERHAUL SHOP





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