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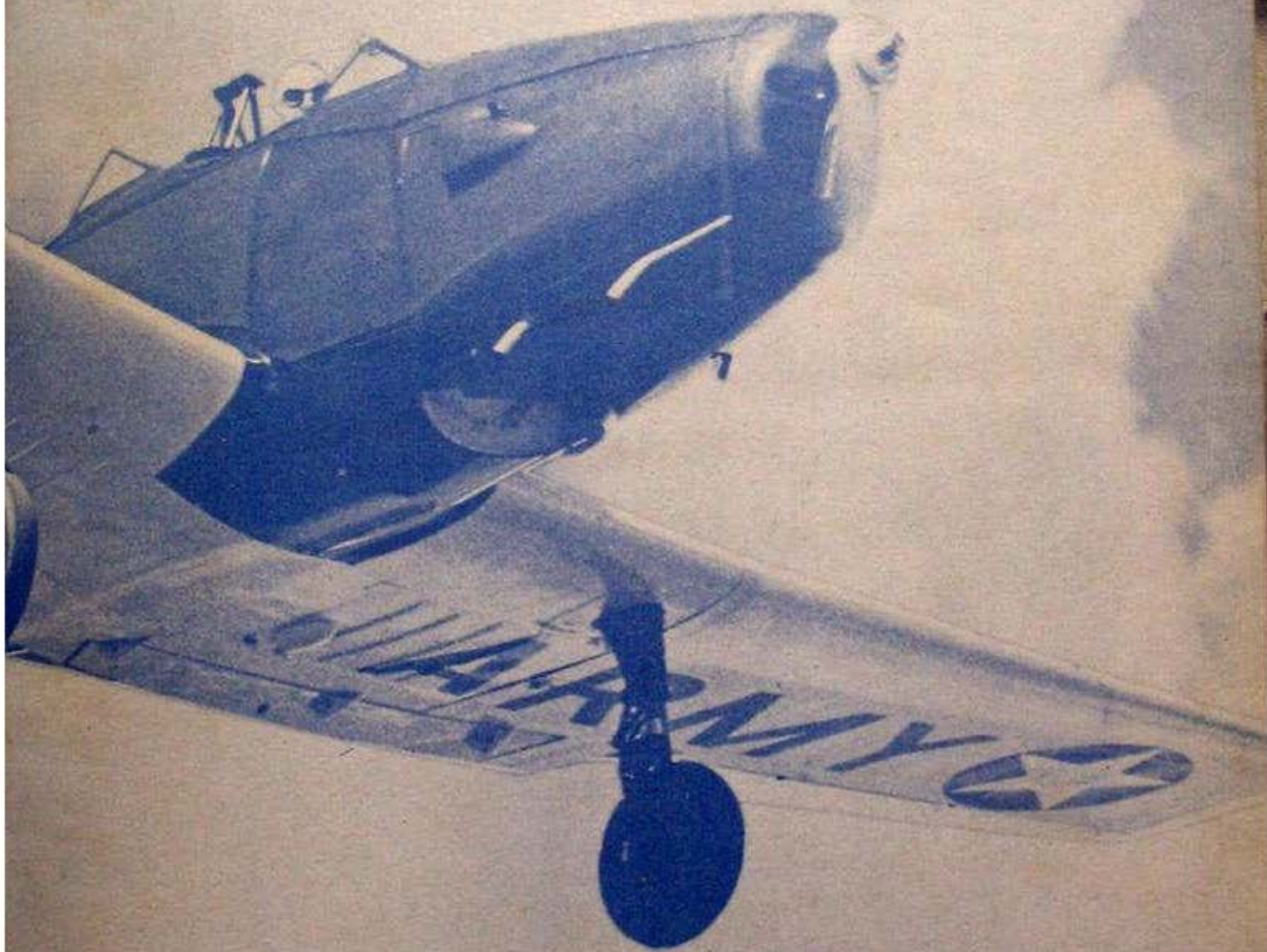
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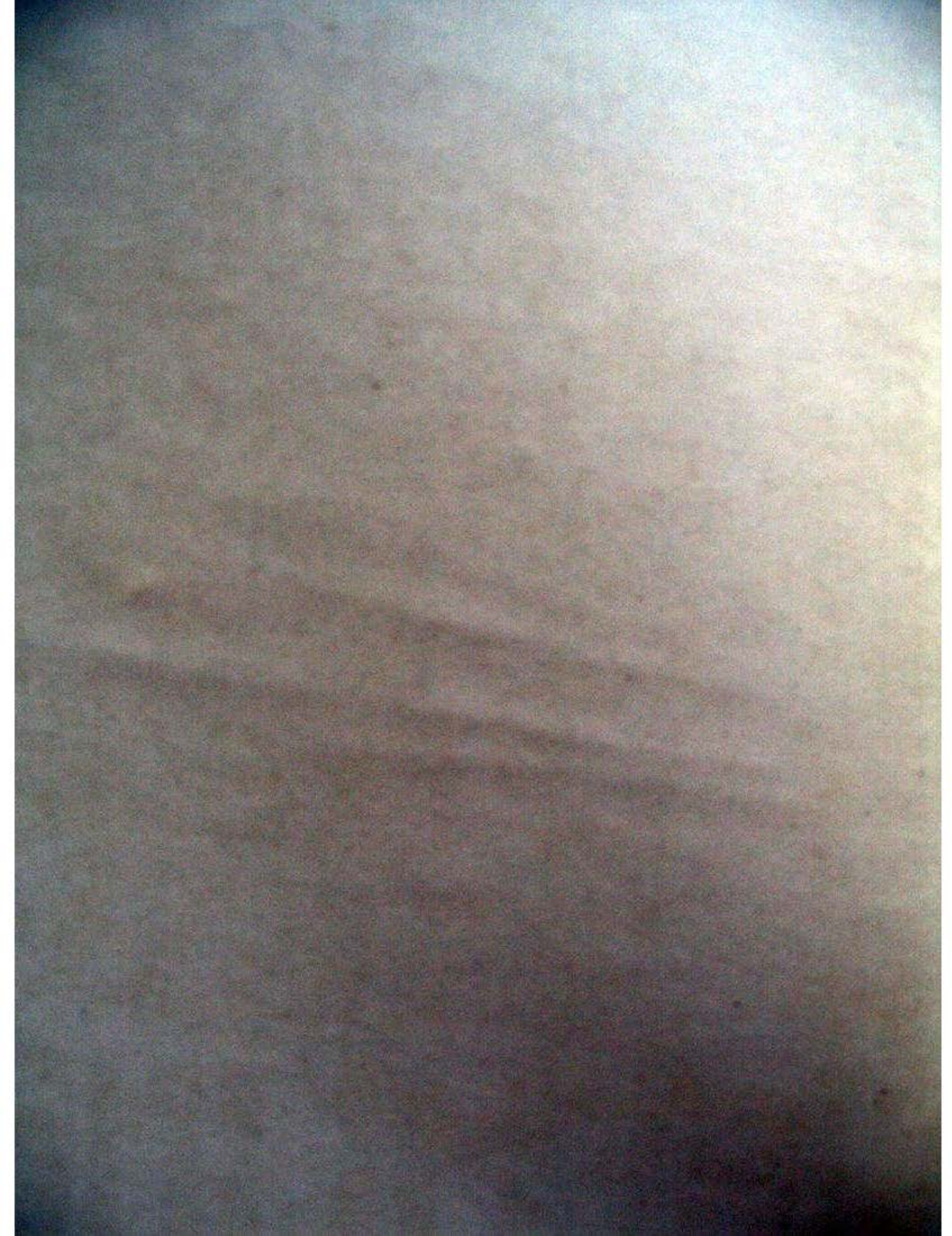
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Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of earth,
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
Sunward I've climbed and joined the tumbling mirth,
Of sun-split clouds—and done a hundred things
You have not dreamed of—wheeled and soared and swung
High 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.

To a swell fellow
from the 'Boys'





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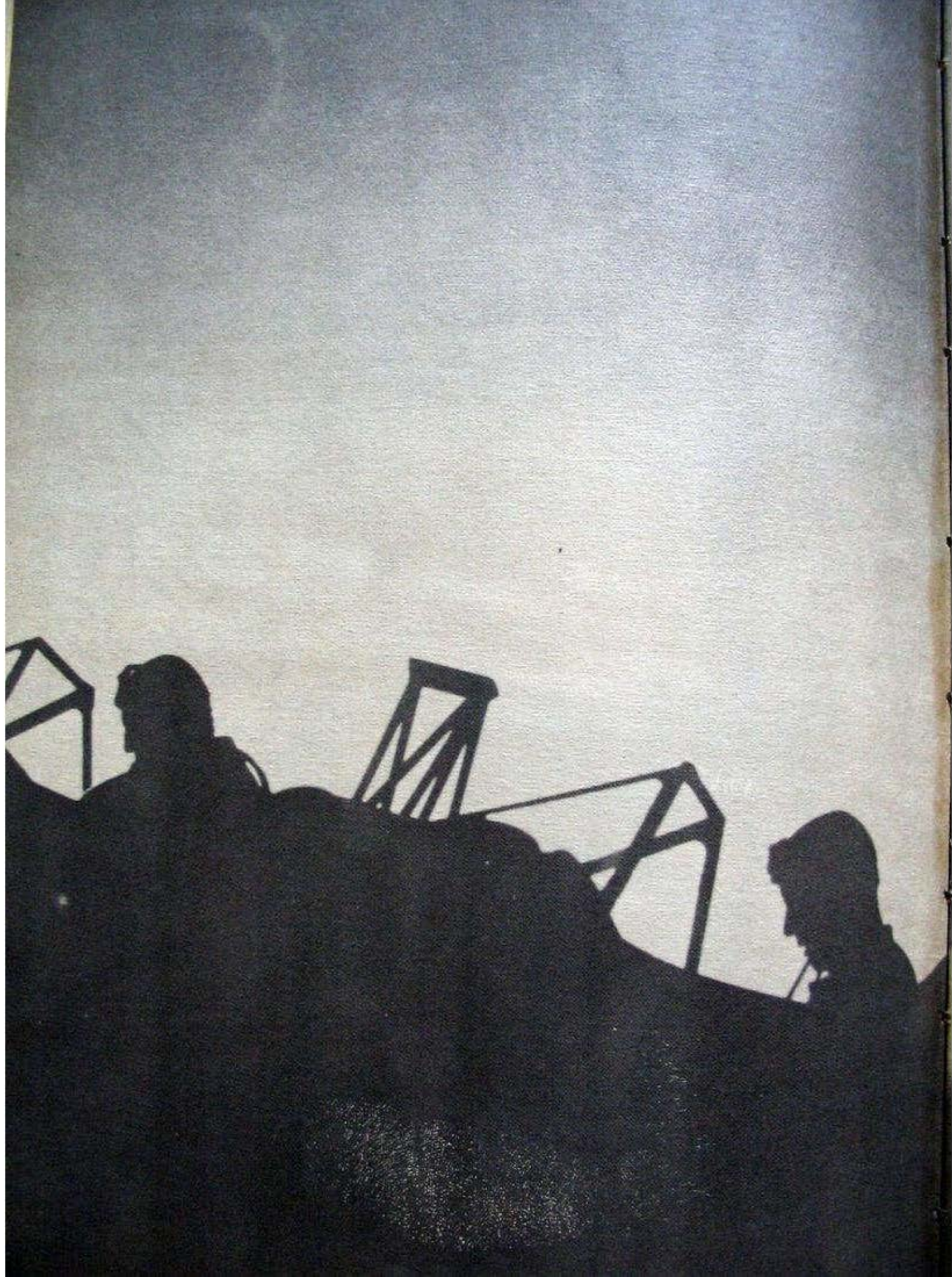
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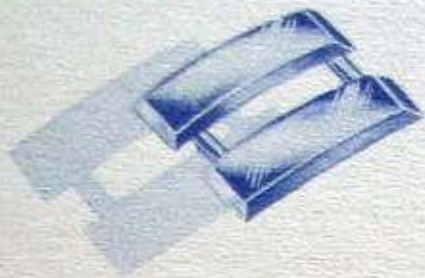
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DEDICATION

To an Officer who came to us a veteran of combat theatres . . . and contributed immeasurably to the progress of Cadets at Hicks Field . . . a leader for whom we have unending respect and admiration . . . to Captain J. F. Schoenberg, this book is respectfully dedicated.





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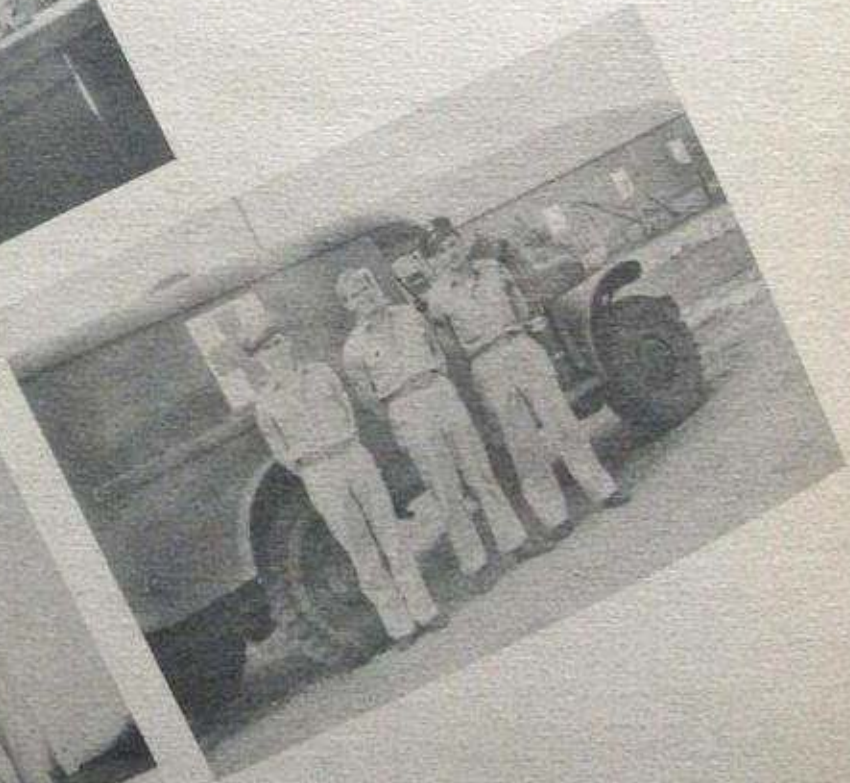
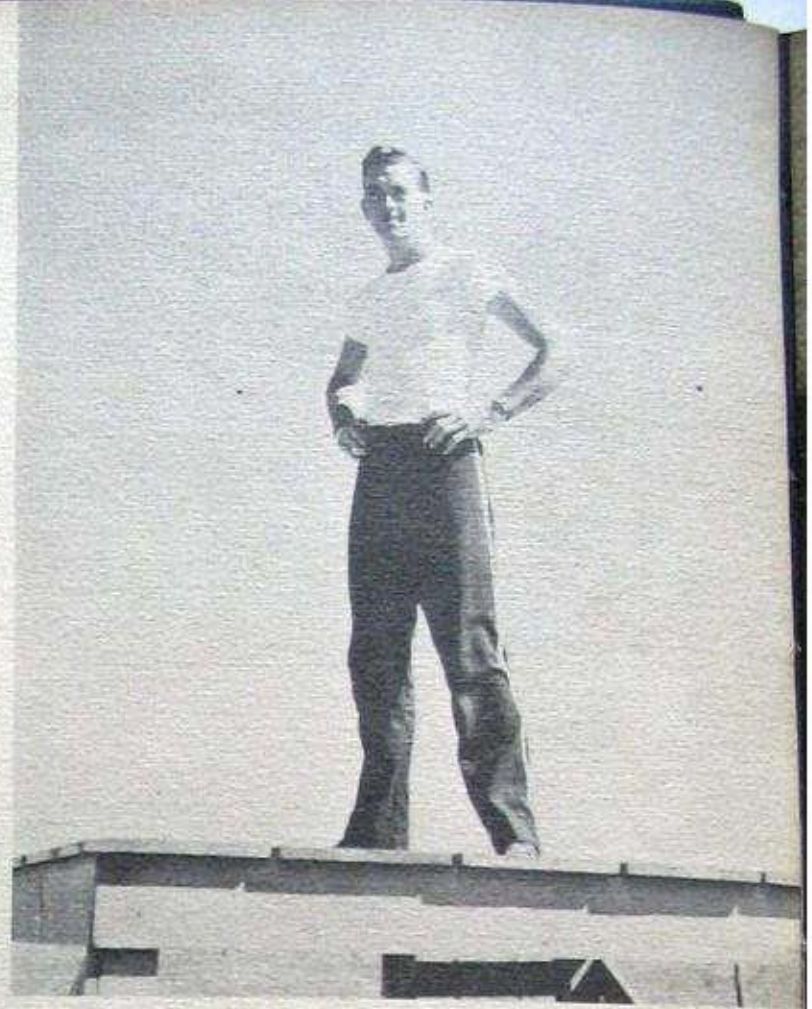
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HISTORY OF HICKS FIELD

Sleek silver trainers buzz above a field near Fort Worth. We who man these PT 19s fly with ghosts of ships of another war - and day by day the names of Hicks Field graduates are being added to the field's Hanger of Fame that was started in World War I.

Shortly after the start of World War I in 1917, Tullahoma Field was opened at Hicks Station, north of Fort Worth, by the Aviation Section of the U. S. Army Signal Corps and the Royal Canadian Air Force. For training in aerial gunnery and photography came courageous young men, who not only distinguished themselves in combat, but carried on the Hicks tradition in civilian endeavors. Into aviation went Roger Williams, one of those who pioneered the early trans-Atlantic flights; George Goddard, famous for his aerial photographs; Earl Carroll of the "Vanities;" and Rex Ingram and LeRoy Prinz of the movies who are among some well known. Here in Fort Worth today is a strong organization of Hicks graduates, known as the World War Fliers, who do much to keep the tradition alive.

Hicks Field, under the command of Major Carl Spartz, better known today as Major General Spartz, closed shortly after the hostilities in 1917, only to be reopened in September, 1940, when war again appeared on the horizon. It was one of the earlier Primary Flying Schools in the Army Air Corps expansion program.

At Hicks Field today the 255th Army Air Forces Base Unit, under the command of Major O. T. Halley, is training a fine group of cadets in their elementary flying. The last class is now going through Hicks Field and each man is proud of its traditions. Each of them is looking toward the day when he can join earlier Hicks men in battle.



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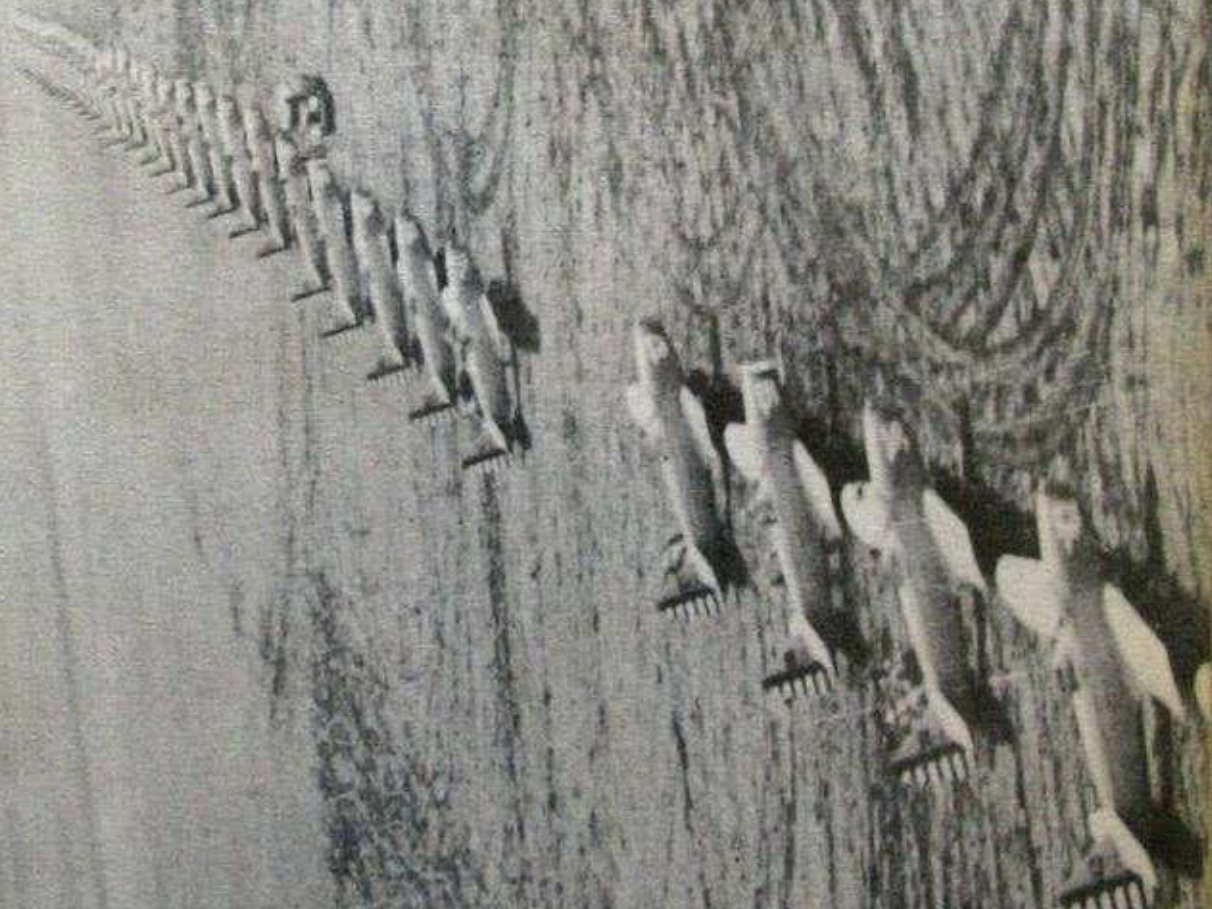


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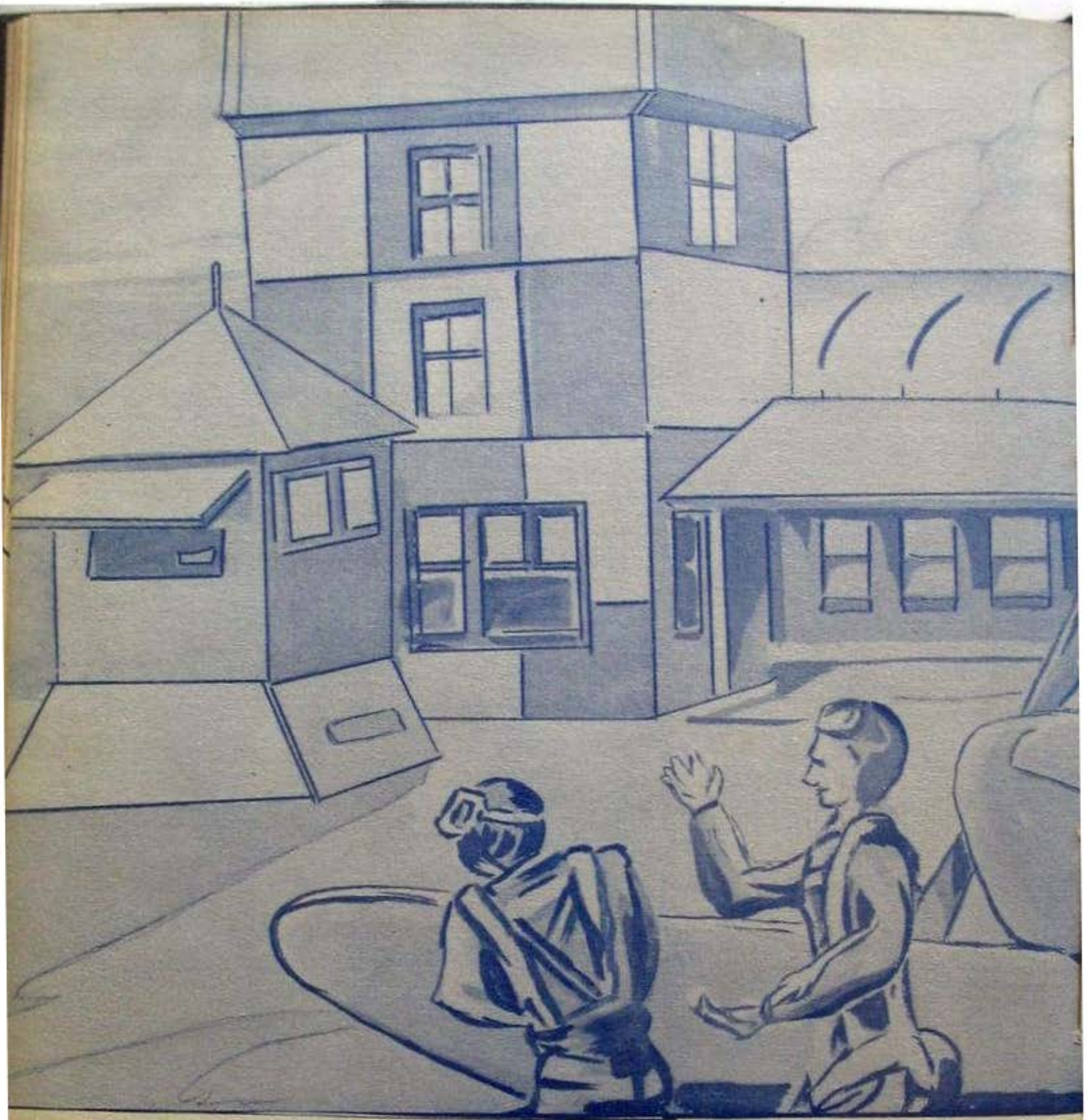


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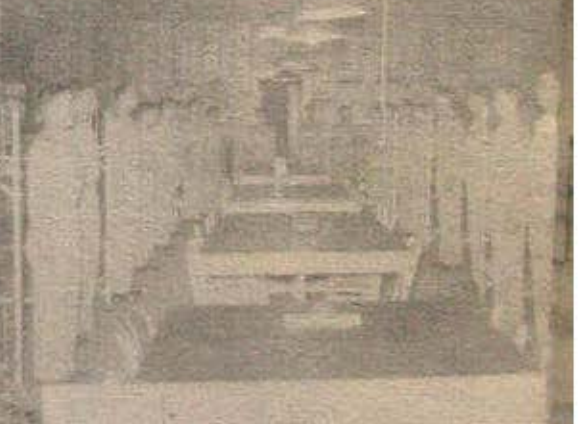
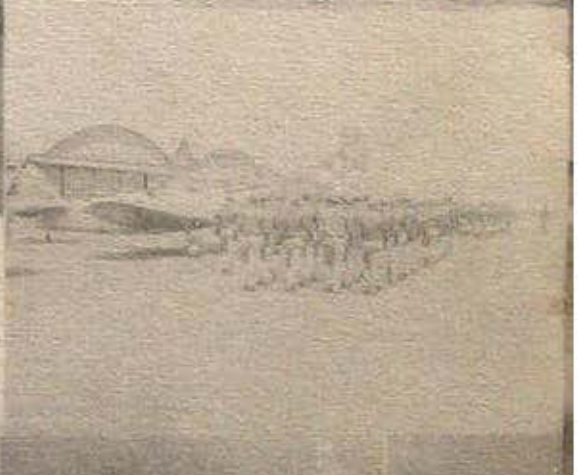
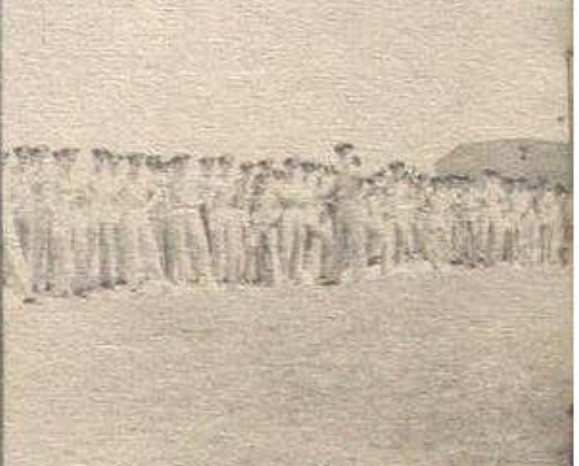
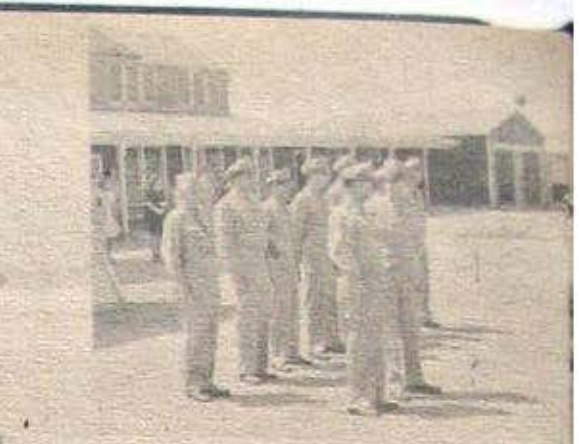
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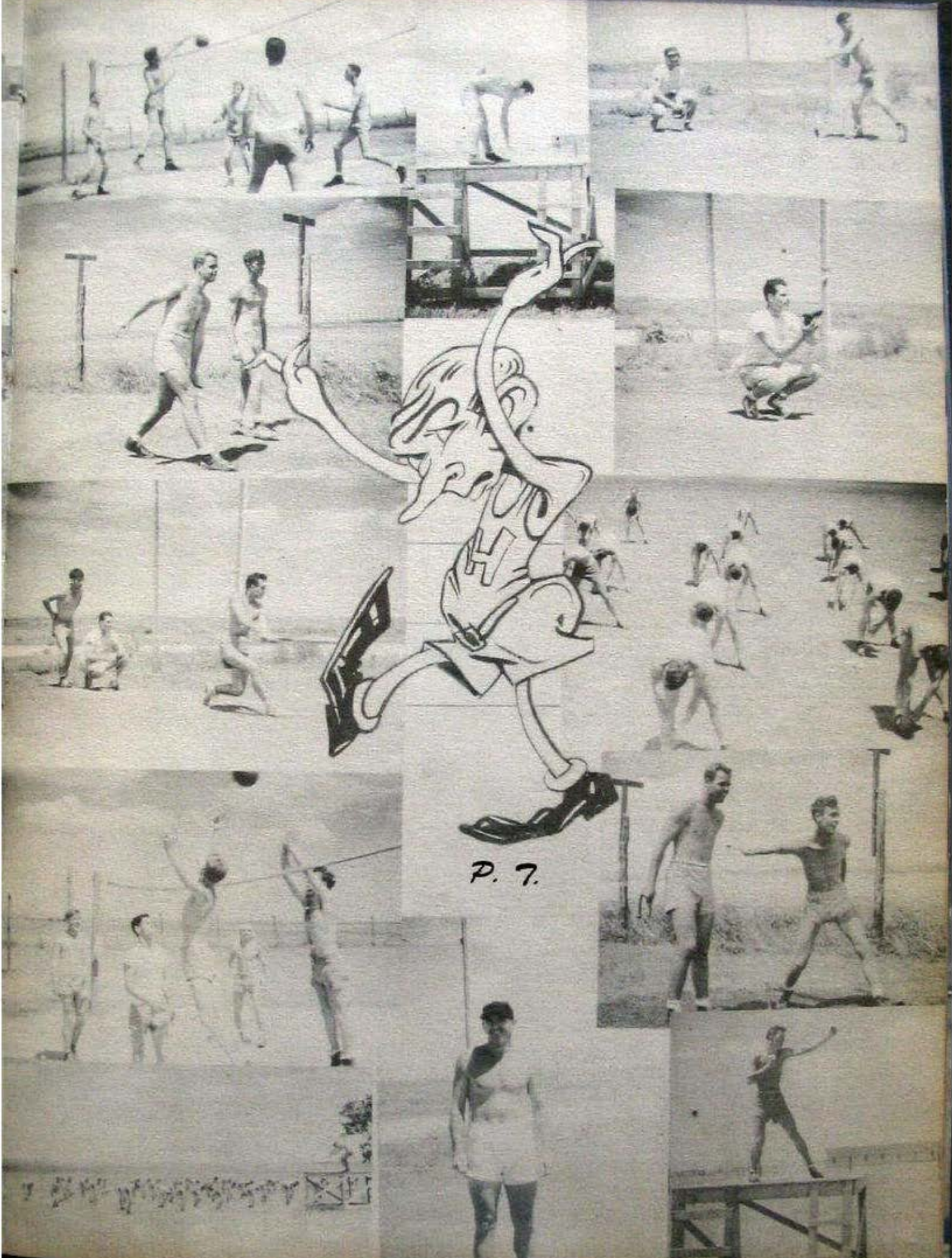


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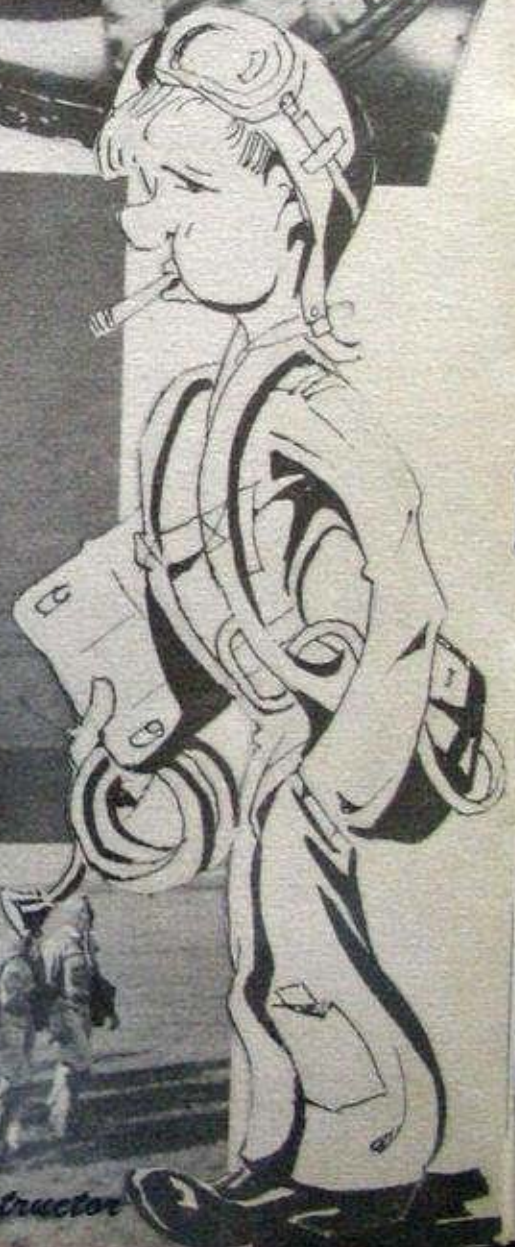




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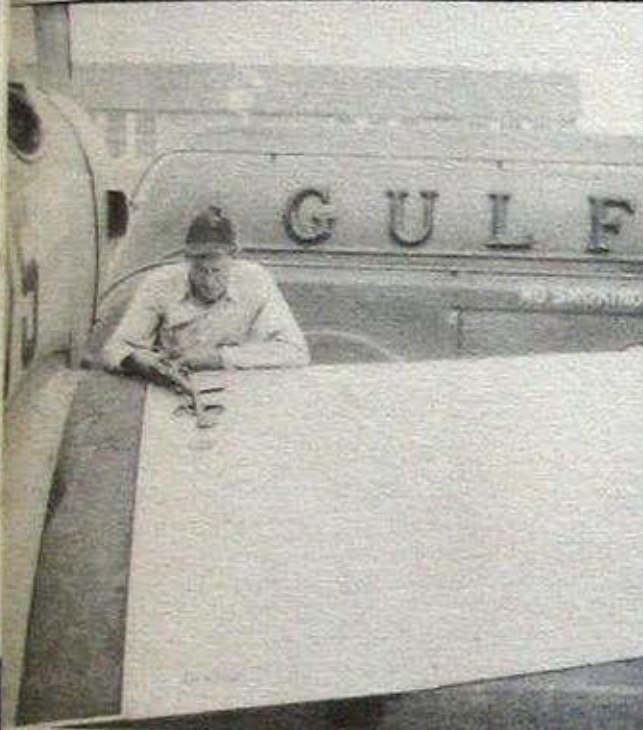


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Solo

Herewith let the world know that on
the _____ day of _____ 1944 _____
did sever all tangible relationship with
solid earth, taking off on his own in one
P7-19 aircraft; with naught save a new
found ability and his instructor's words of
wisdom, he did safely manipulate the craft
to the place from whence he departed, there
by completing his first solo flight.

Signed _____
Instructor.



On to Basic

For some of us our paths have temporarily diverged. We regret that we may not all continue to Basic together, but we do not all have that God-given ability to absorb rapidly the training we are receiving in the short time allotted to us by the stress of war. The disappointment is great; those who have left have done their best, will continue to do so, for they know, and we know, that we may soon be together again as pilots, bombardiers, and navigators, brother airmen upon whom the shortening of this war may partially depend, and the long hoped for Peace which will follow will be upheld by all of us as men . . . in the cause of Freedom . . . On to Victory.



High Flight

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