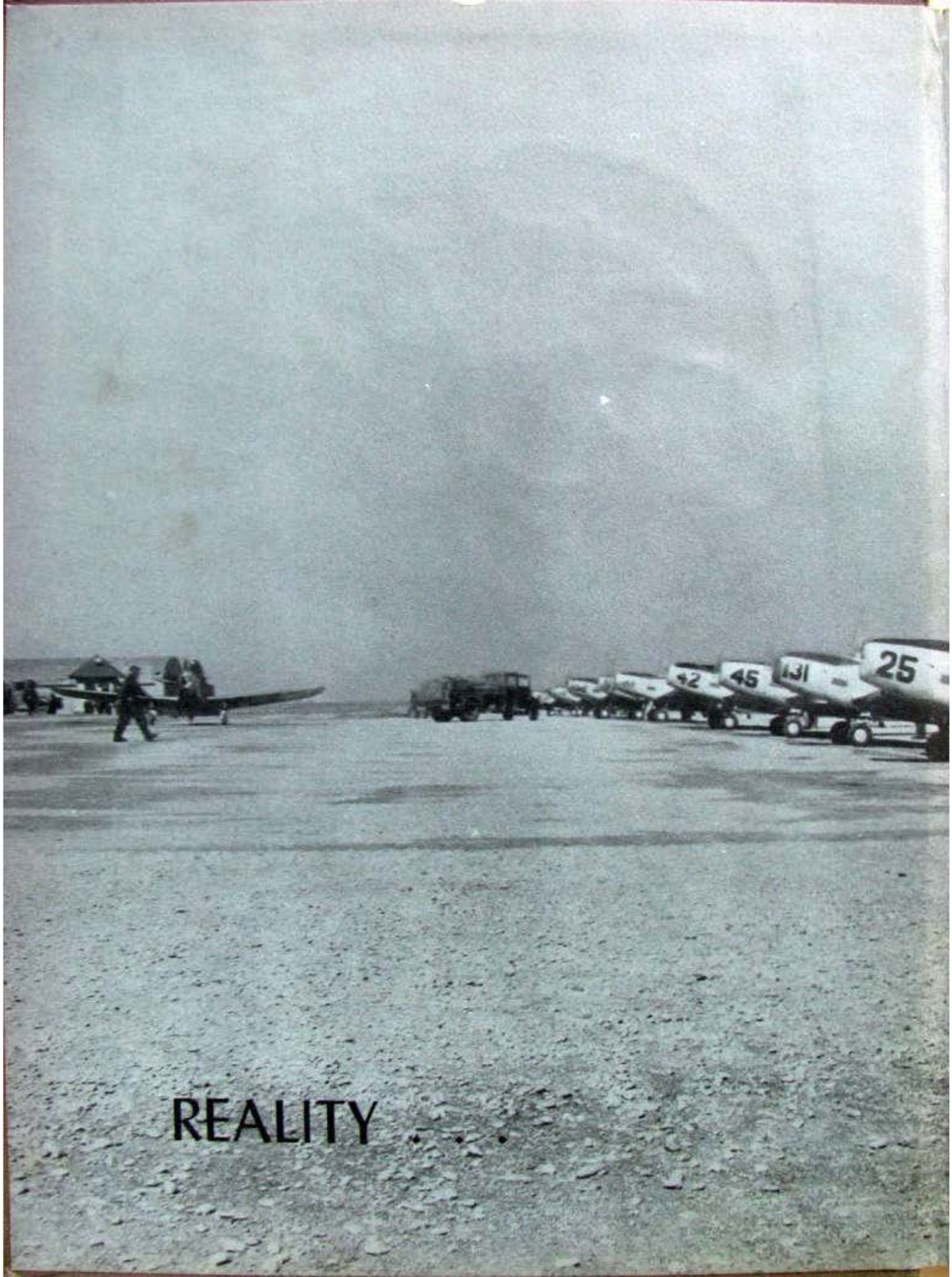


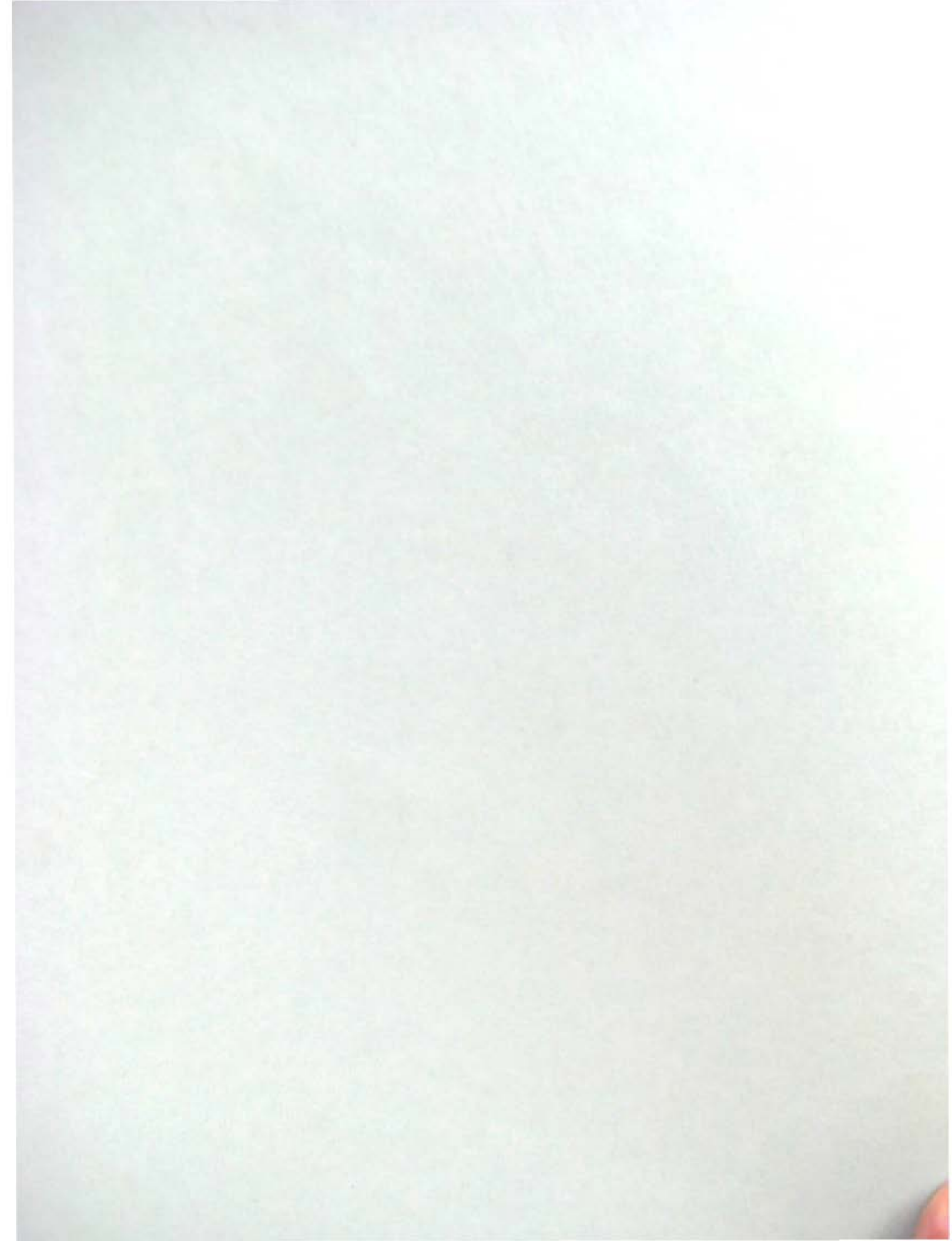
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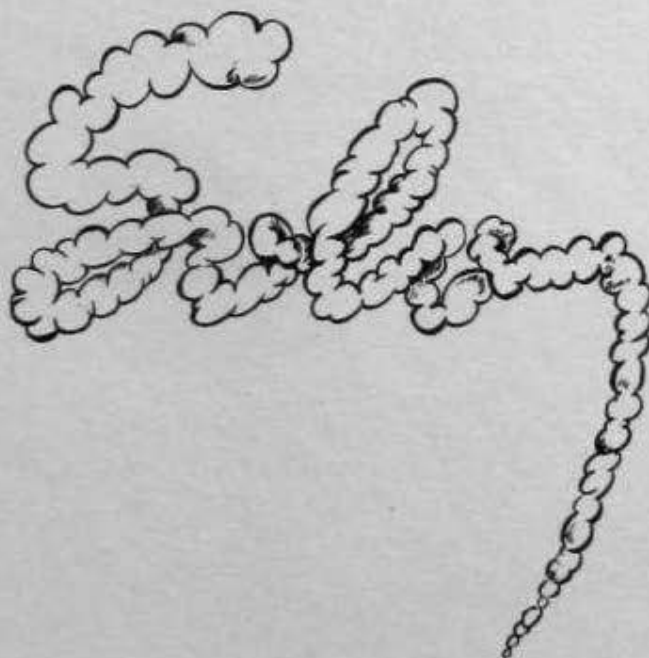
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Who teach us—

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## **To the WOMEN:**

Who wait for us—

Who work for us—

Who pray for us—

## **To the REASON:**

For which men fight—

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For which men pledge their lives—

**CLASS 43-K DEDICATES THIS BOOK**



## CAPT. J. W. DIETERICH, Jr.

### TO THE MEMBERS OF 43-K

Congratulations to you on the successful completion of this phase of your training.

You have been, and are doing a good job. Keep up the good work as long as you are making flying a career. I've tried to impress you with the importance of working every available minute and I want to reiterate that advice again and again.

Yours is the best profession in the world. Make yourself the best member of that profession.

*J. W. Dieterich, Jr.*  
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You have come to the close of your primary training. The training you have received here is a solid foundation upon which to build your future in aviation.

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On to Basic! In this new endeavor, display and develop the aggressive spirit by which you accomplished your primary training.

My sincere congratulations to you.

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## TO THE CLASS OF 43-K

You have now completed your Primary course in Flying. Congratulations to each of you on your success. Bear in mind however that there is much yet to be endured and learned. However I feel sure that the class of 43-K from the qualities they have demonstrated while here will go on to even greater success.

Best wishes to all of you.

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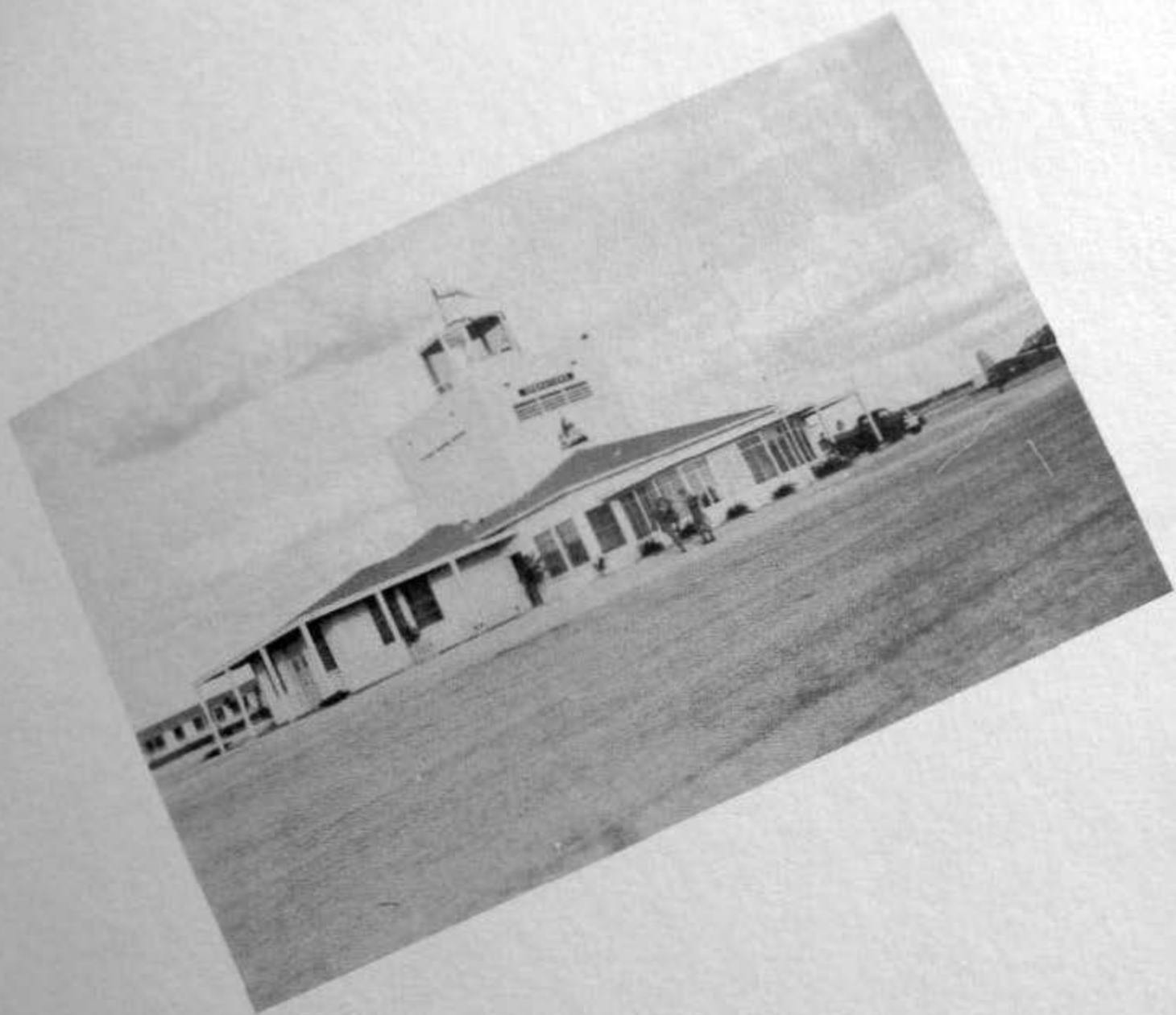
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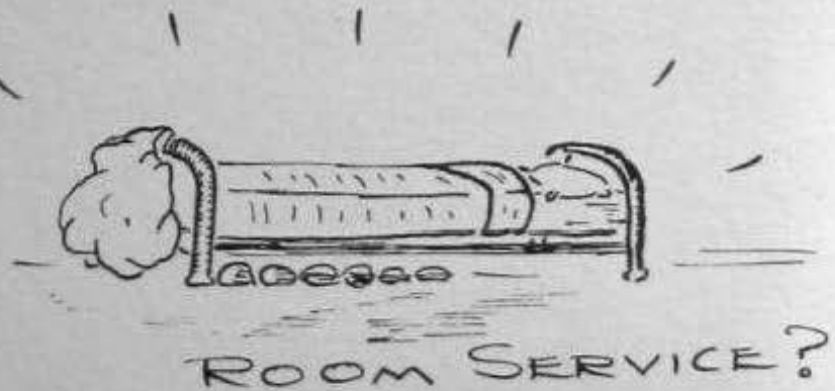
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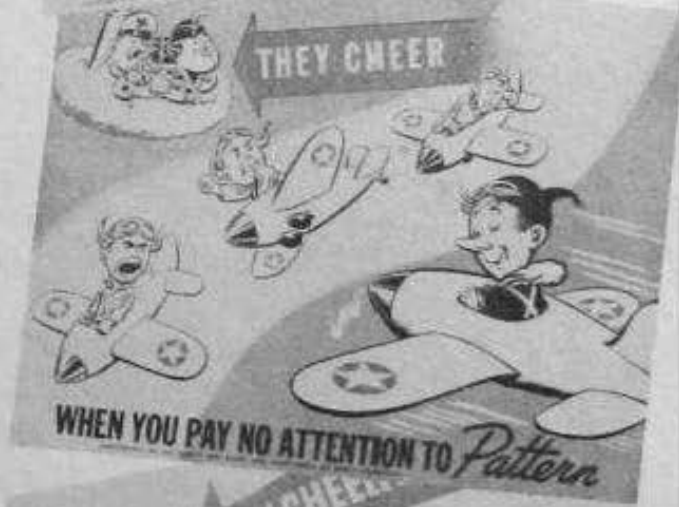
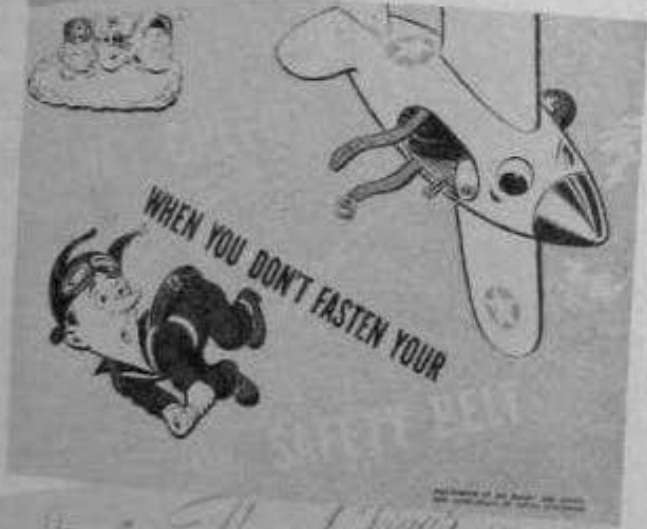
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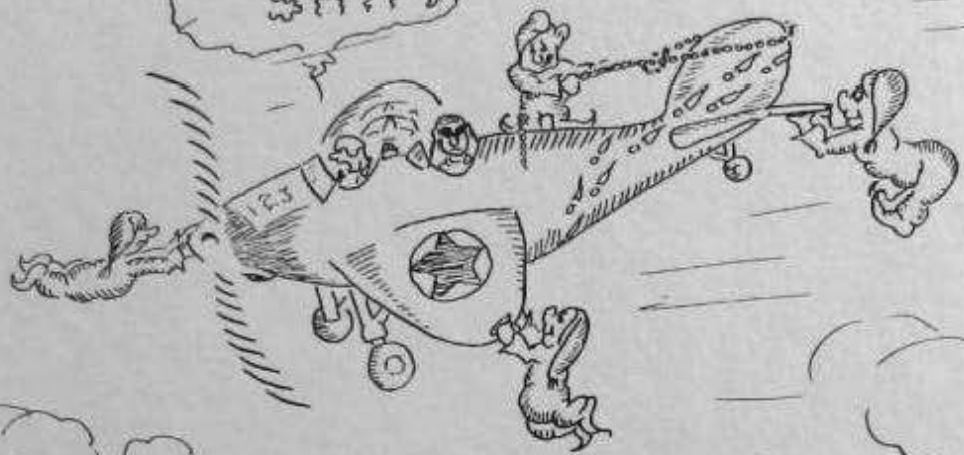
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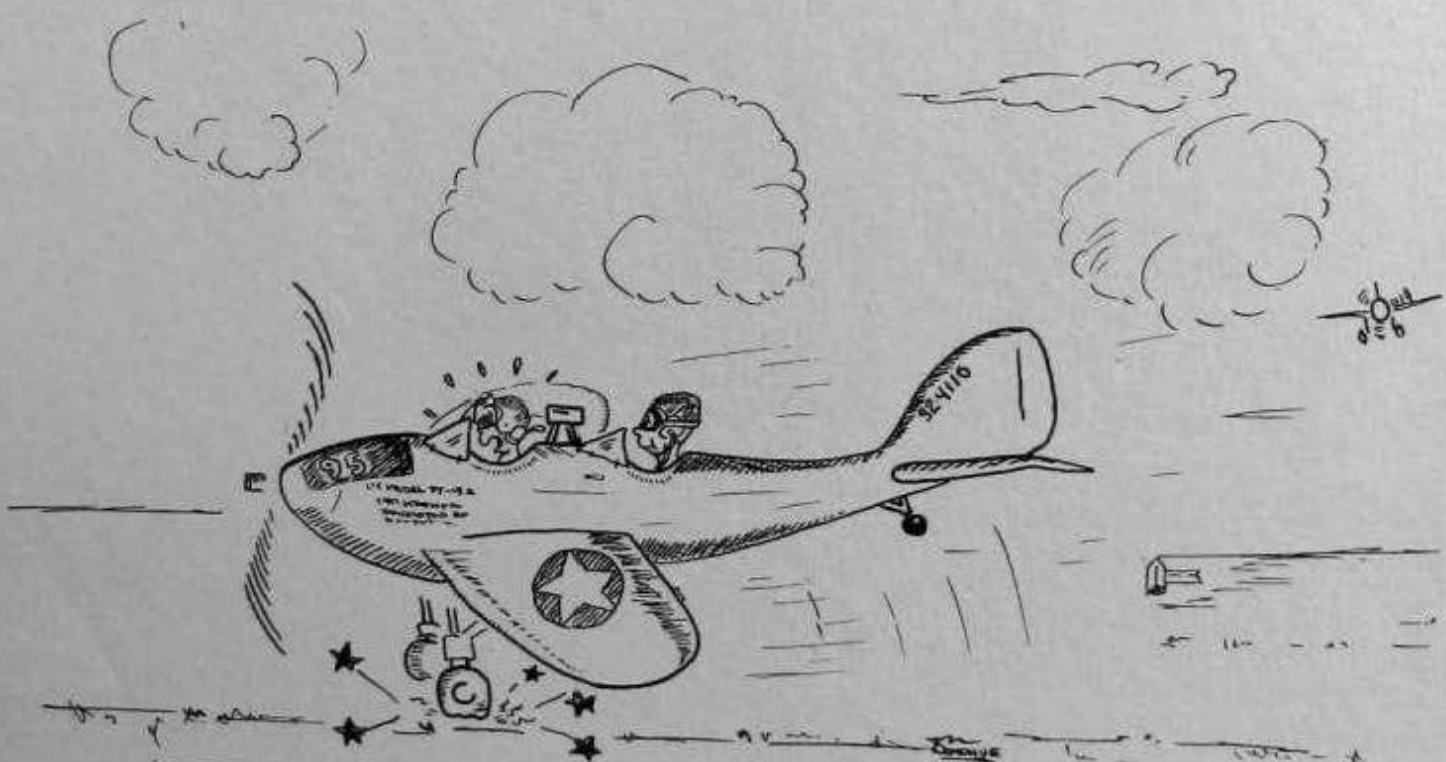
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THE FIFTEENTH ONE!

F. G. B.





OFF WE GO - -





Mug Shot



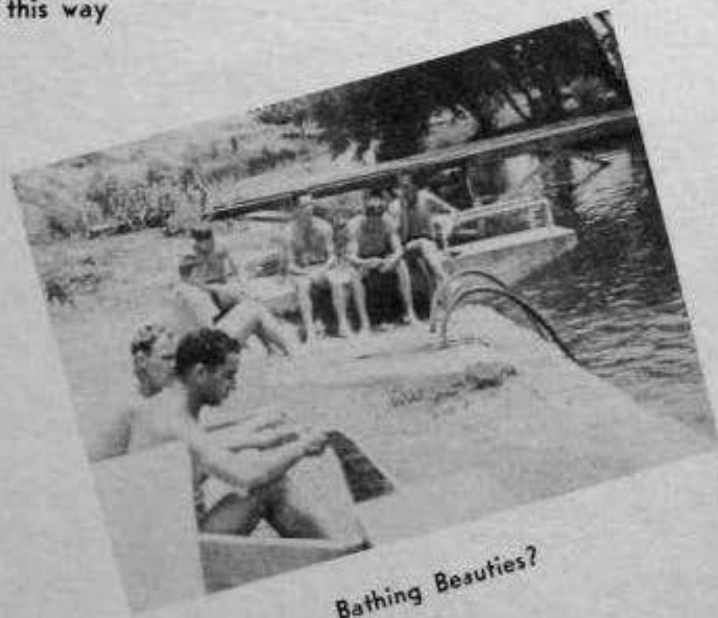
Torque and friends



Nope—It's this way



... In the sands of time



Bathing Beauties?

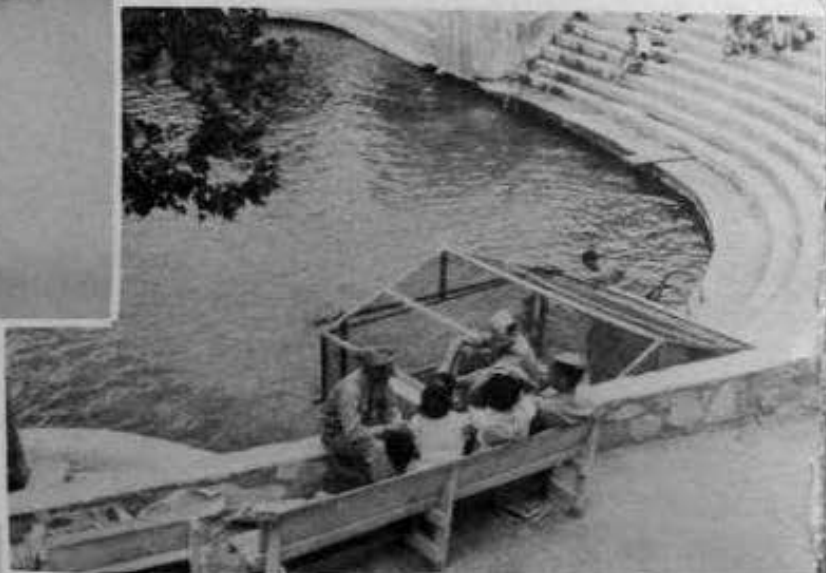
"Seben Eleben"



One of Hance's  
No doubt



In Empennage . .



T-Party

S-wimmin'n Things



Herr Henkel at left

## RETROSPECT . . .

That first day of flying was a humdinger. Nosiree, it wasn't a joyride. You actually got to turn the plane in a 45 degree bank (?) and it seemed simple when the bossman up front said "fly it straight and level." Of course you did just that—only the wings bobbed up and down like a fiddler's arm and the course you were flying didn't want to stay in line with the path of the plane.

Then there was the bucket brigade after several flights and this went on for a couple of days. But soon that was licked and you managed to make pretty good turns. You gave yourself a pat on the back when you kept the wing star straight on the rectangular course. To hell with the altimeter deviation, you thought, just as long as this damn plane flies straight.

'S' turns, forced landings, rectangular patterns—hmmph, just trivia. What you wanted was some high work. You know, 3,500 feet stuff. But you didn't expect it to come all at once.

The gothports moaned "okay, I've got it." And up to 3,500 feet went the PT-19, the instructor and you. Your stomach followed soon after.

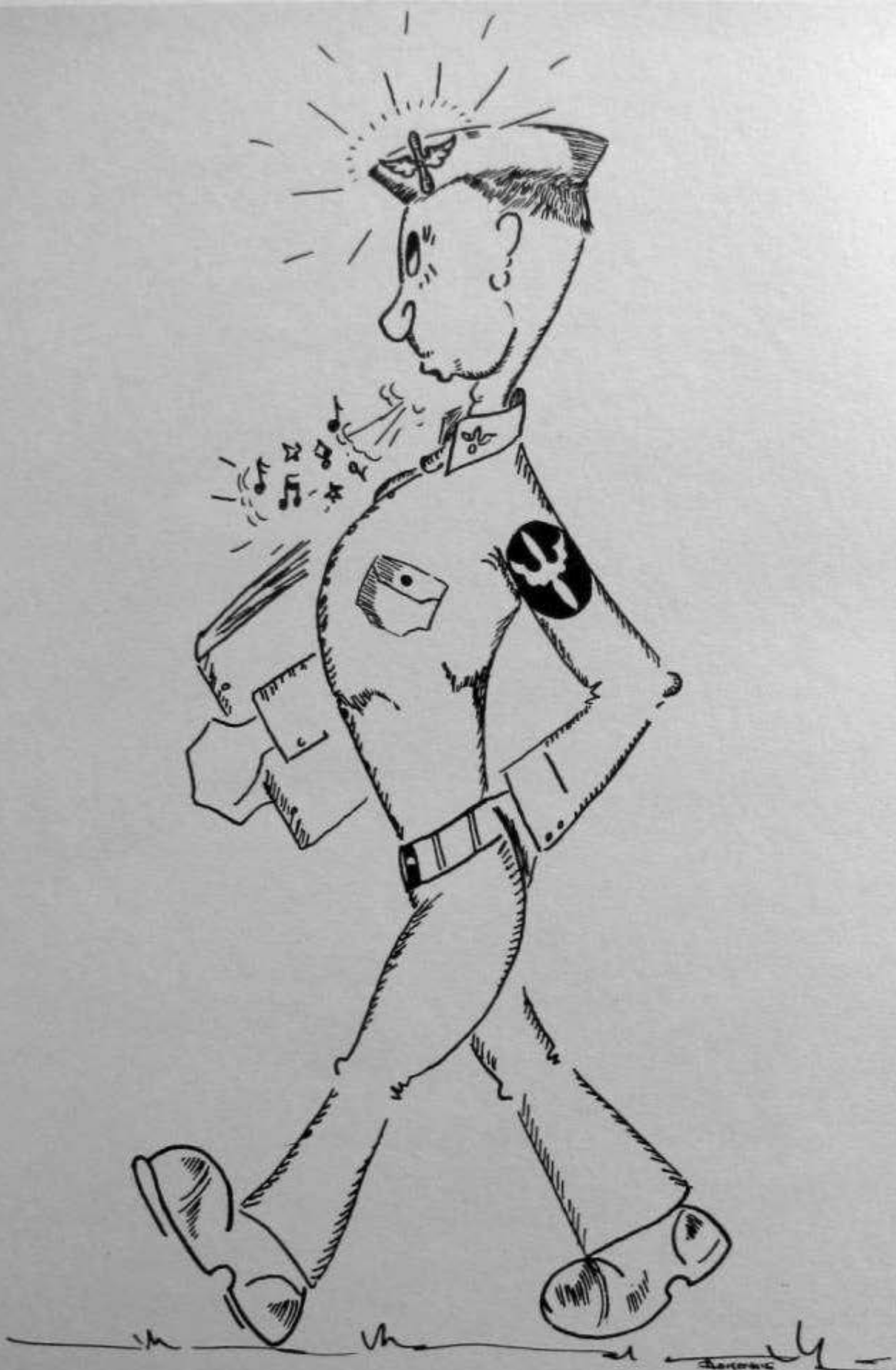
Boom! Boom! Boom! A series of stalls, a loose safety belt, bubbles in your mouth, your stomach at 500 feet and you at 3,500. Then came the fatal words—"Would you like a spin, Mister?"

Ohhhhh. The spin spun. So did you. And when you kissed mother earth after landing, you didn't know if you liked spins or not.

You soon learned to like them—and solo too—just as you learned to like loops, immelmanns, chandelles and snap rolls.

Now all that awaits you is to learn them all over again—only now it will be in one of the 450 horsepower jobs, the Vultee Vibrator.





DON'T LOOK NOW --- BUT ---UH ---



Pre-sent Harms



Hip-Hip-Hup-fouh



We had a big class once



Now make your let down



Vastness of the sky



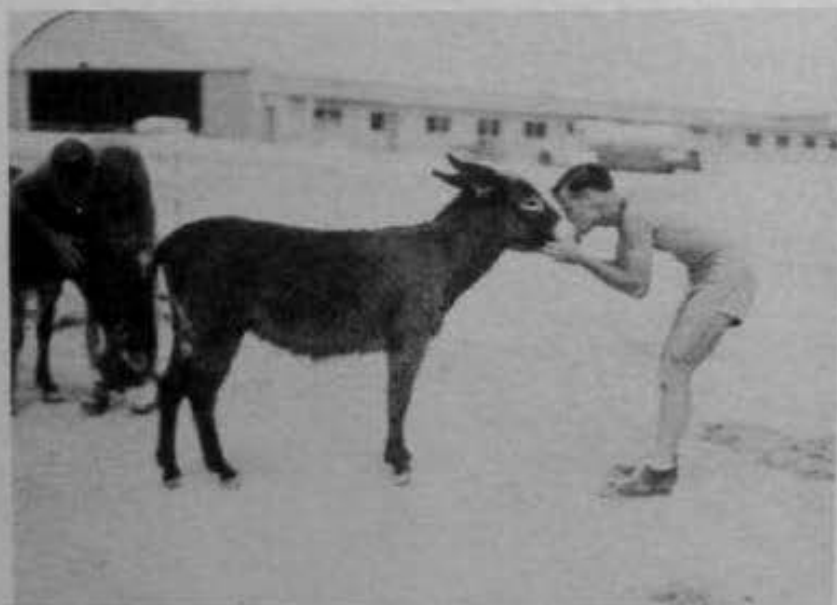
Me 'n Fairchild



G-2



So I Levels Out



Pilot's Passion





Enjoy it while you're able



The nice people dood it for us



First I'm going swimming—then



Kansas to Comanche



Shoe Shine Boy





Back Door



The Thinkers



Sick Call



It won't be long now



Let's see, dis way is north



'Round 'N 'Round They Go



MIRROR  
SHOT

(SHAVING AFTER TAPS!)



Looks Good



Beautiful Texas



Mr. and Mrs.



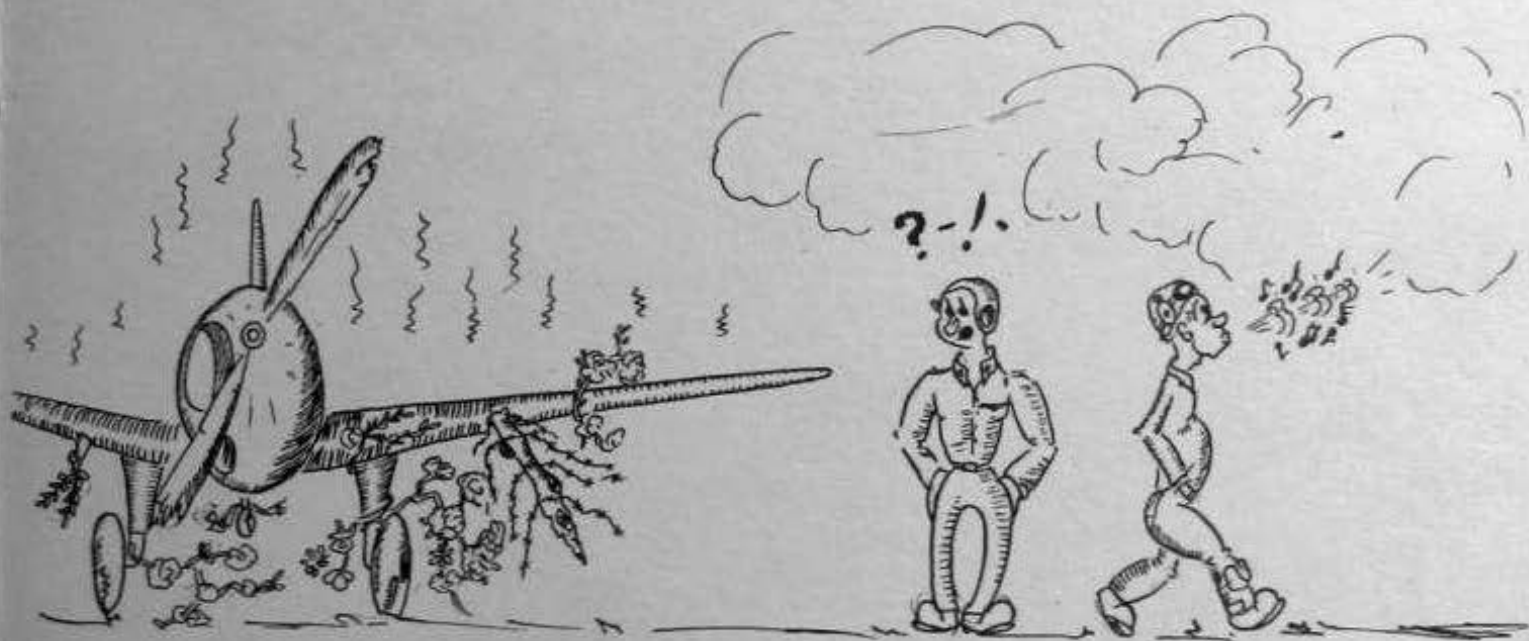
Powers Model



Nerve Center



They say this is an aerial war



"Pass in Review"



The Drag



Attention All  
Squadrons

Dodos No More

Up and Over

Hi, Larry





Left to right, front, Hughes, Donahue, Klindworth, Jay, Ingersoll.

Back row, Games, Gates, Smith, Downer, Garuthers, Rice.

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Ft. Stockton, Texas  
July, 1943

#### DEAR MOM:

We are about to leave Gibbs Field and the fine people of Ft. Stockton.

For nine weeks, I've been jotting notes to you, describing the wonderful things these hospitable citizens have been doing for us.

And now as we prepare to leave for Basic training we find new strings attached to our hearts. It's going to be hard to leave, mom, because we of 43-K have been adopted just as every other class was adopted since this school started a year ago.

These true, blue westerners have filled our off duty hours with happiness. They have taken us into their homes for "meals like mom used to cook." They have wiped away lonely hours and in addition they have arranged our swell club where we play and relax.

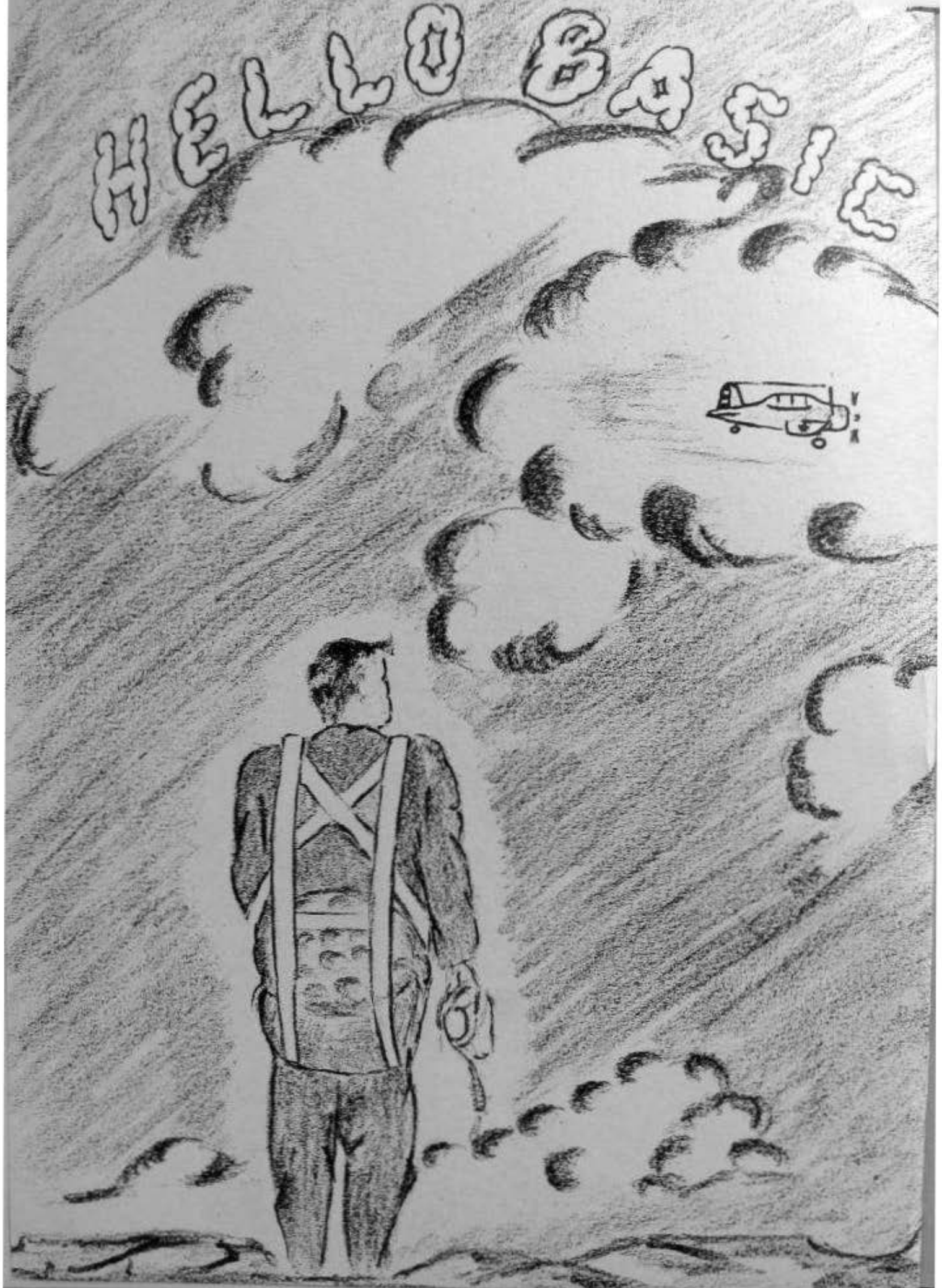
Most of all, mom, they have instilled in us a truer meaning of the word "American." We're not Nebraskans, Missourians, Texans or Iowans. We are Americans and as we go to Basic and to Advanced and finally to that much-sought crack at the Axis, we will carry memories of Ft. Stockton.

It was here, mom, we learned about "democracy" too and we realized there are many "Ft. Stocktons" in the United States.

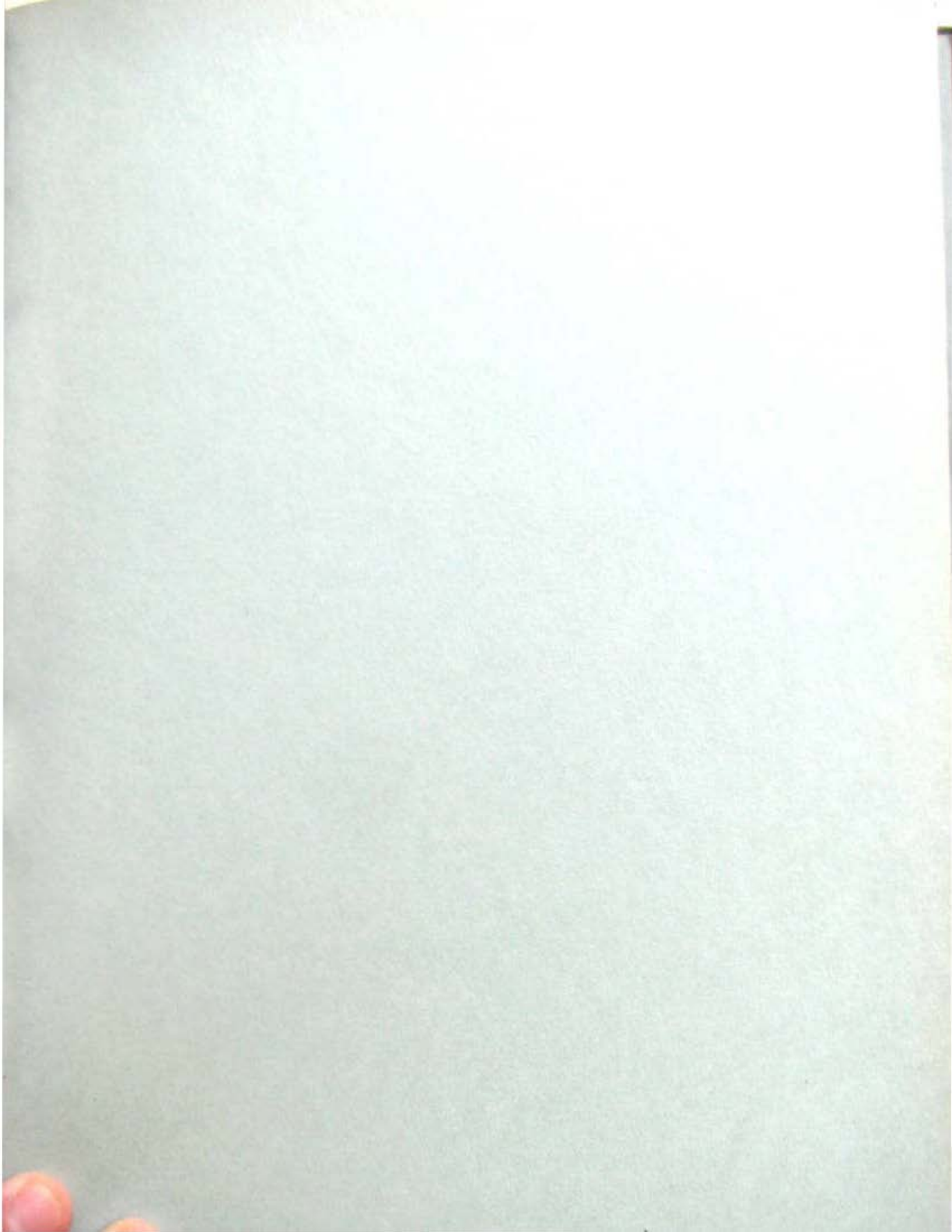
We want to return to these "Ft. Stocktons"—to our homes—and to our adopted homes. But first, we must add our efforts to the record smashing job the boys ahead of us have started.

Farewell, mom—and farewell, Ft. Stockton. We'll be back someday.

HELLO BASIS











DREAMS . . .

