

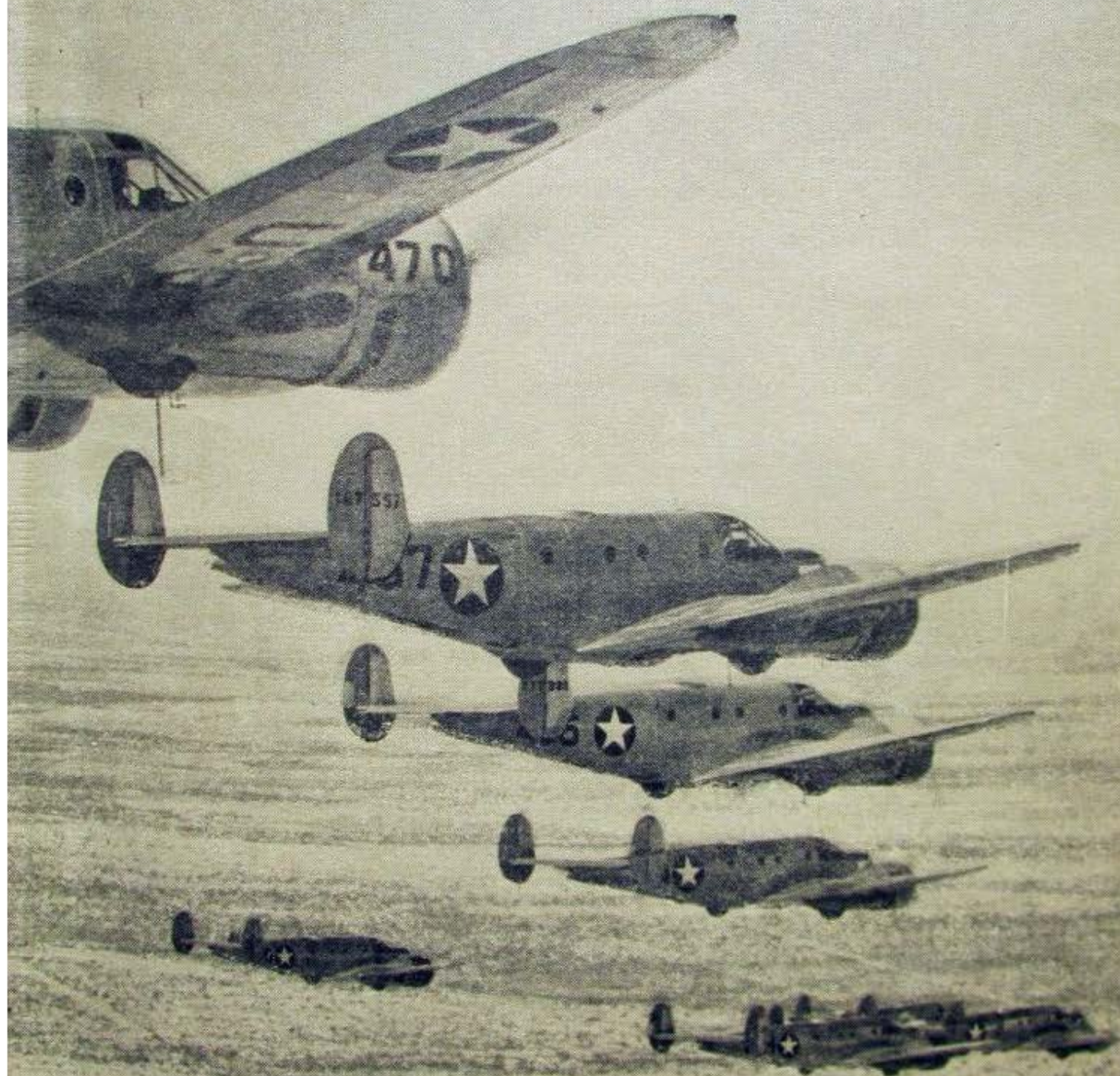


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To the Men of Class 44-1DR:

You are the first of many classes which will receive their bombardier wings in this new year--1944. The new year will be a momentous one in this global war. It holds the promise of greater aerial action on all fronts.

What Allied airpower has done in Europe was summed up recently by General Henry H. Arnold, chief of the United States Army Air Forces, in the observation that if the Nazis are not knocked completely out of the war by air attacks, they will be "too groggy" to offer much resistance when invasion comes.

As an officer who can bomb with accuracy and navigate by instruments you will be a member of the greatest fighting team in history. Your obligations from this day on are larger than ever before. But you will not be found wanting.

To all of you go my best wishes and the sure knowledge that you will meet every crisis with the full measure of your ability.



G. M. PALMER
Colonel, Air Corps
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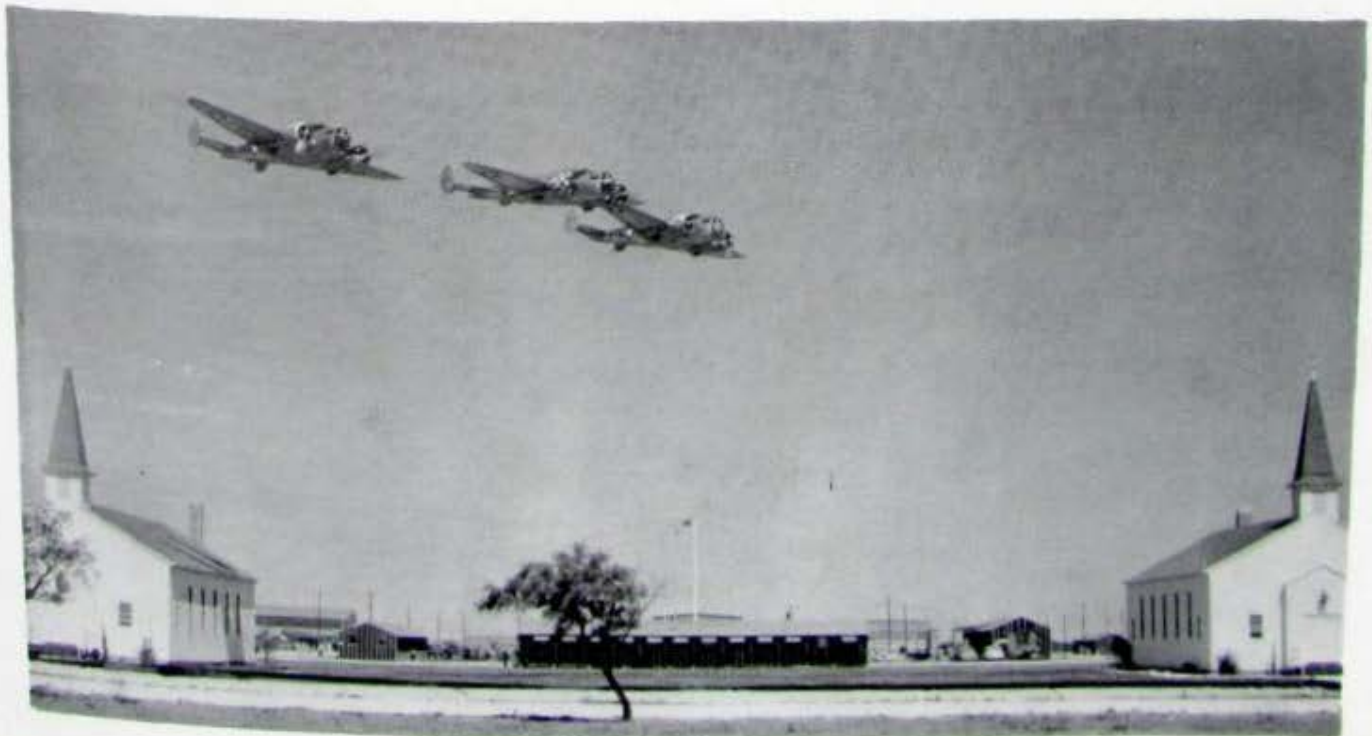
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To soar from earth toward the highest heaven,
Inspire the airmen in each flying hour;
Protect them and uphold them by Thy power.
When in the conflict they defend the right,
Let heart and hand be strengthened by Thy might.



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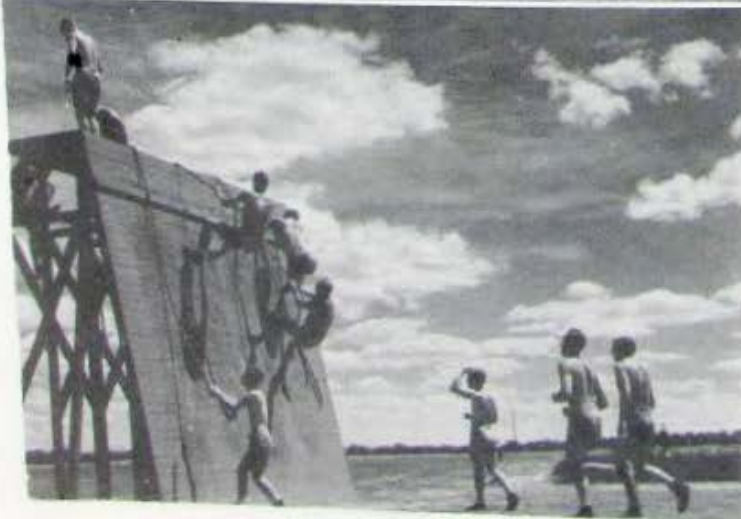


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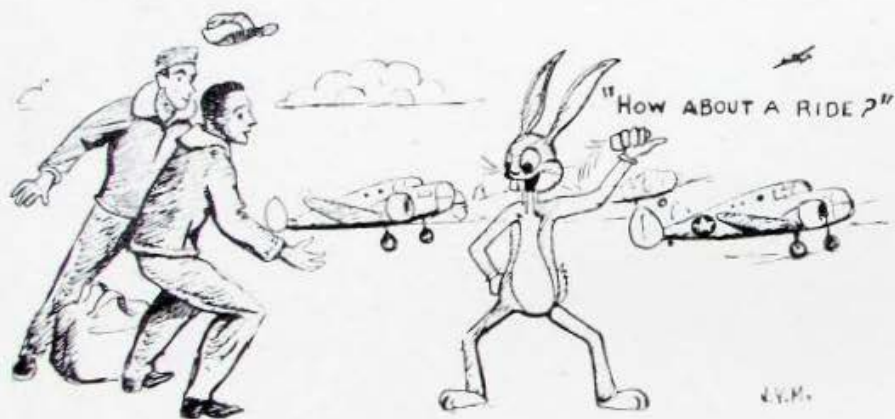
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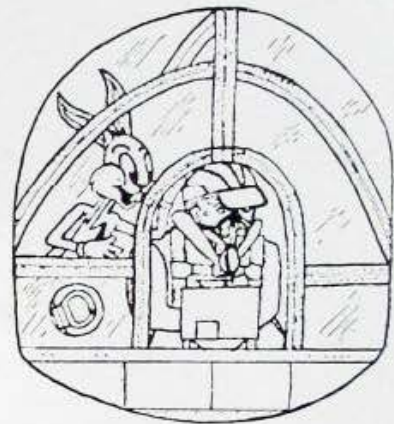
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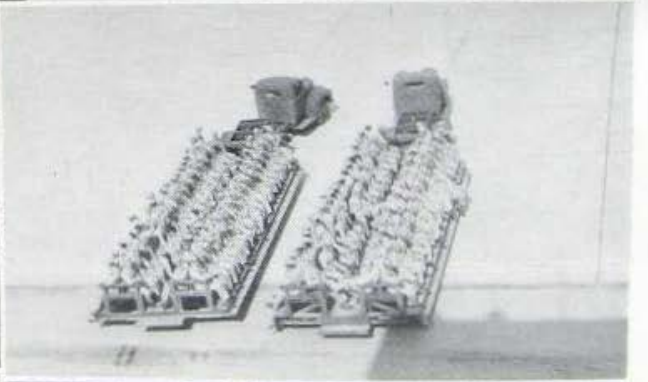
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November 30, 1943

Hello Fellows,

Playing "Bomber Queen" to the "Bomber Kings" is both an honor and a pleasure. It's by far the nicest compliment I've been paid. I wish I could be there in person to share the reign, but at least I'll be thinking of you from 'way out here in Hollywood.

Good luck and good bombing to the gang of Class 44-1 at San Angelo--drop a couple of your best blockbusters on Adolph and Tojo for me while you're at it.

Sincerely,

Donna Reed

QUEEN



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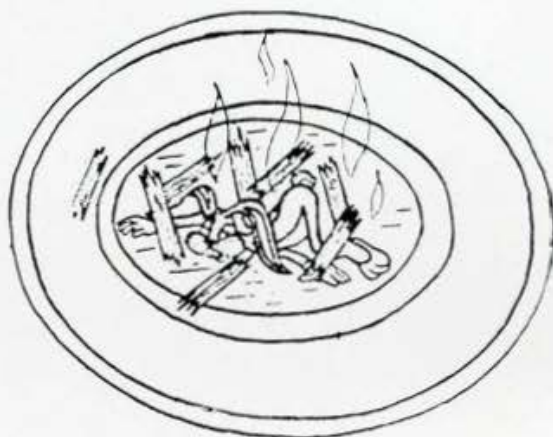
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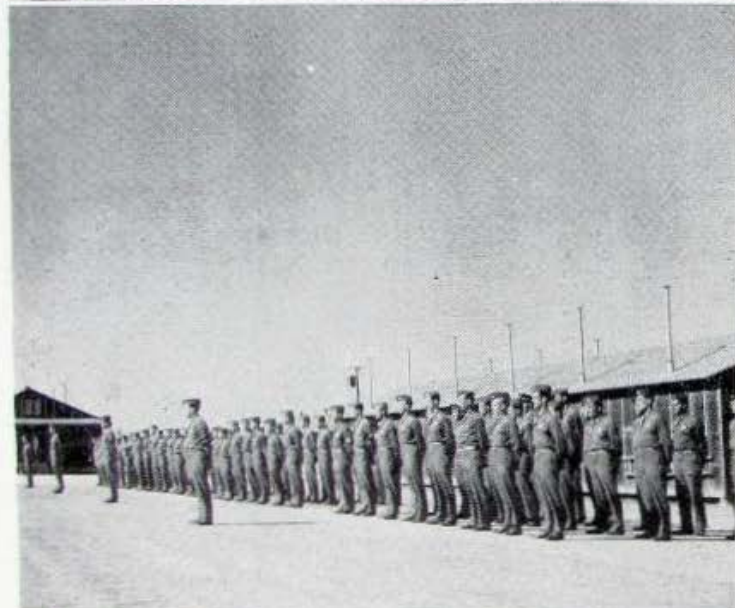
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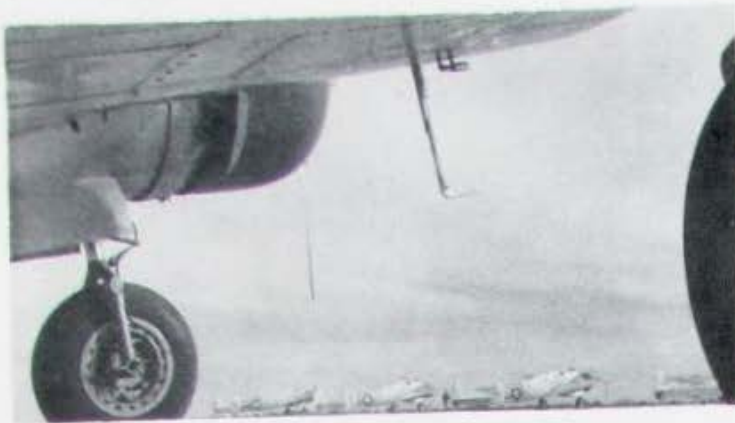
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"the last of THE BOMBARDIERS"

By J. R. Campbell

On a lonely road through a cold black night
A miserable beggar trudges into sight,
And the people whisper over their beers
There goes the last of the Bombardiers.

"What was a bomber-deer?"—We reply,
For men turn silent and women sigh
As a deathlike silence fills the place
With the gaunt gray ghost of a long lost race.

It's hard to explain the catch of breath
As they seem to sense the approach of death.
Furtive glances from ceiling to floor
Till someone or something opened the door.

The bravest of hearts turn cold with fear
The Thing in the door was the Bombardier!
His hands were bony, and his hair was thin
His back was curved like an old bent pin.

His eyes were two empty rings of black
And he vaguely mumbled, "Shack, Shack, Shack."
This ancient relic of the Second World War
Crept 'cross the room and slouched at the bar.

No one spoke, but they watched in the glass
As the beggar produced a Bombsight pass.
And, with hollow tones from a sunken chest
Demanded a drink—and only the best.

The glass to his lips they heard him say,
"The bomb bays open—Bomb Away."
Then speaking a word—he sneaked through the door
And the last of the bombardiers was seen no more.

People still wonder at the beggar's last word
'Twas the strangest phrase they had ever heard;
But all through the years that phrase has stuck;
When they say "Bombardier", they add—"Haa-rd Luck."





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HISTORY OF San Angelo Army Air Field

(BOMBARDIER SCHOOL)

Before the days when the importance of bombardiers was generally recognized, (in the dim dark ages of 1941), the San Angelo Army Air Field was known as Carr Field, in honor of Lt. Colonel Robert G. Carr, who had done much to advance the cause of aviation in West Texas. It was then a municipal airport in the making. Early in 1942, it was taken over by the Army and the destiny of the field was placed in the hands of Col. George M. Palmer, whose competence is reflected in the high standards of the school.

By October, pioneering Class 42-17 had dropped its first bombs over the targets. The continued bombing has been almost incessant, as 100-pound practice bombs fall day and night on the 18 huge targets extending over five counties.

On January 23, 1943, under the command of Brig. General Isaiah Davies, the 34th Flying Training Wing moved its headquarters to San Angelo Army Air Field to supervise the specialized training of all bombardiers, navigators, aerial gunners, and observers in the AAF Central Flying Training Command.

From the mesquite and cactus tangled flatland, the two and a half square mile installation has reached such proportions that today there are six classes constantly studying and bombing where one started in the Fall of 1942. The 12 weeks bombing course has extended to 18 weeks with Dead Reckoning Navigation added, in order that San Angelo graduates may be prepared to attack the Axis, for a harder knock-out blow.

Passing its first anniversary, the bombardier school took a significant new stride into its second year with the graduation of the first class of double-threat air fighters—the new bombardier-navigators. These "bombagators" are the answer to a call from



LT. COL. ROBERT G. CARR

the combat areas in Europe and the South Pacific. New requirements are made of the men who formerly left San Angelo qualified for the specific job of operating the bombsight. The changing pace of aerial warfare, the use of medium bombers as attack ships and the promise of giant bombers that will dwarf any yet used have called upon the bombardier for added skills and added participation in the fight.

Class 44-1 DR answers that call. They are ready to meet the enemy on his home field.



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