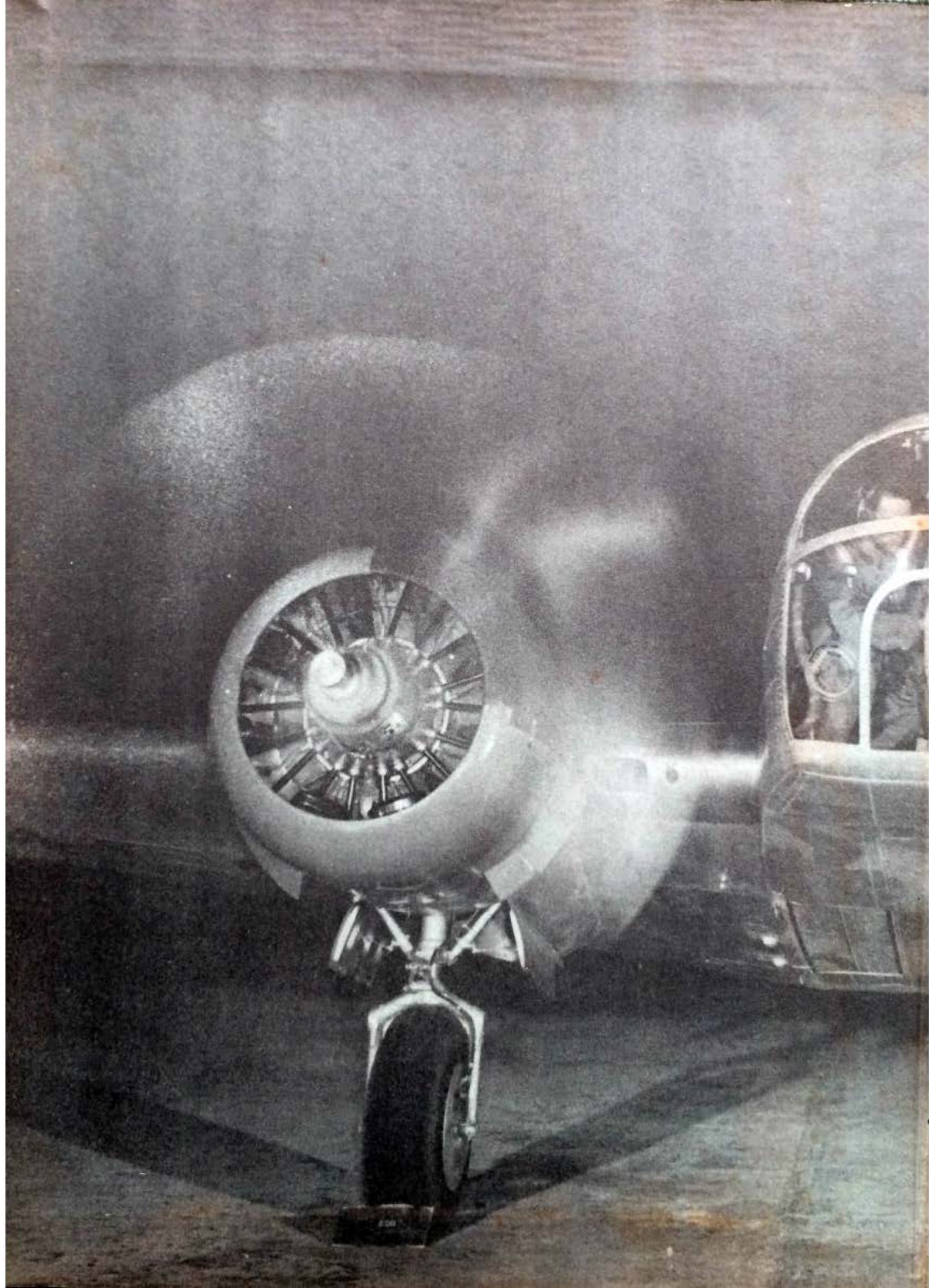
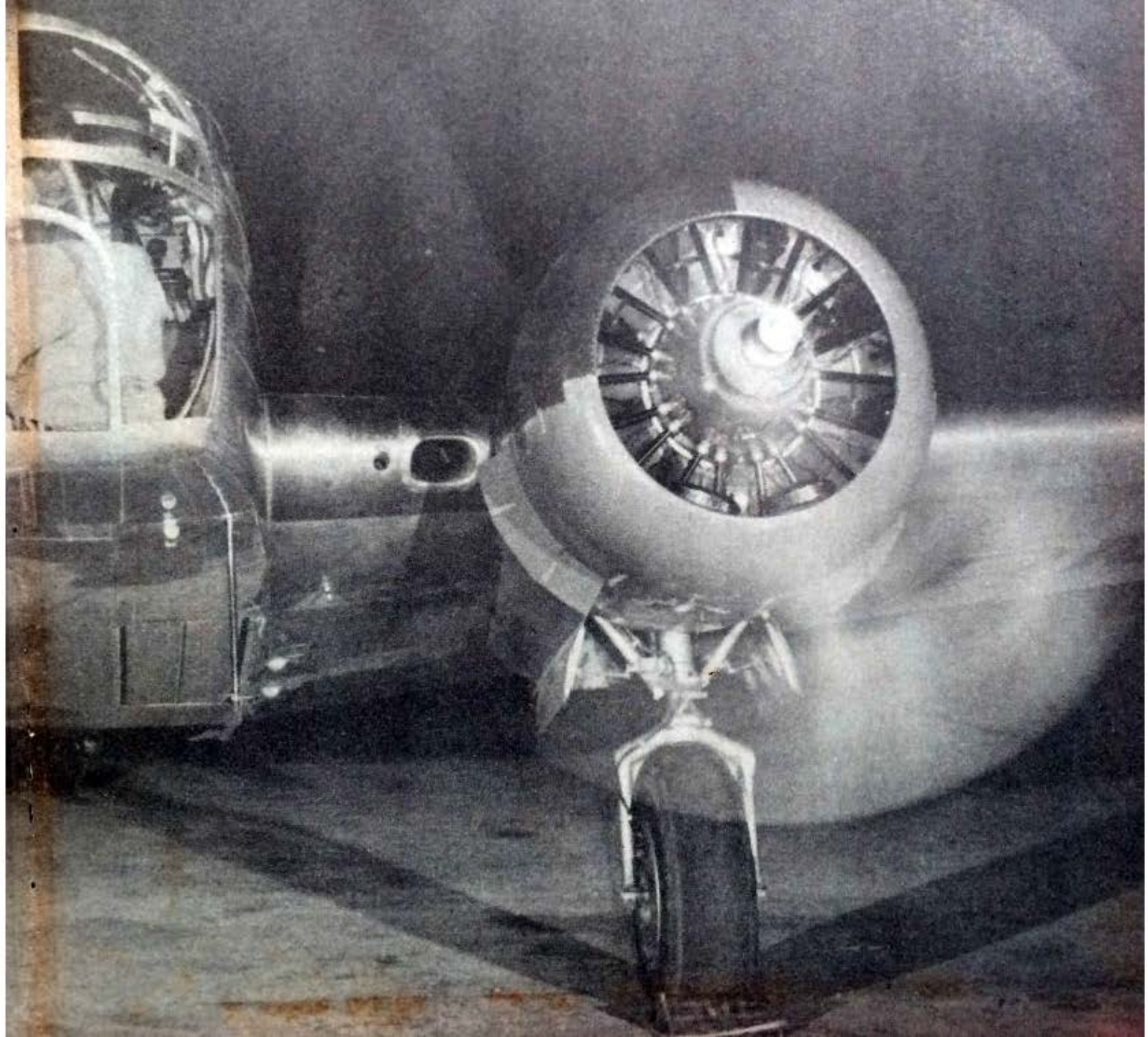


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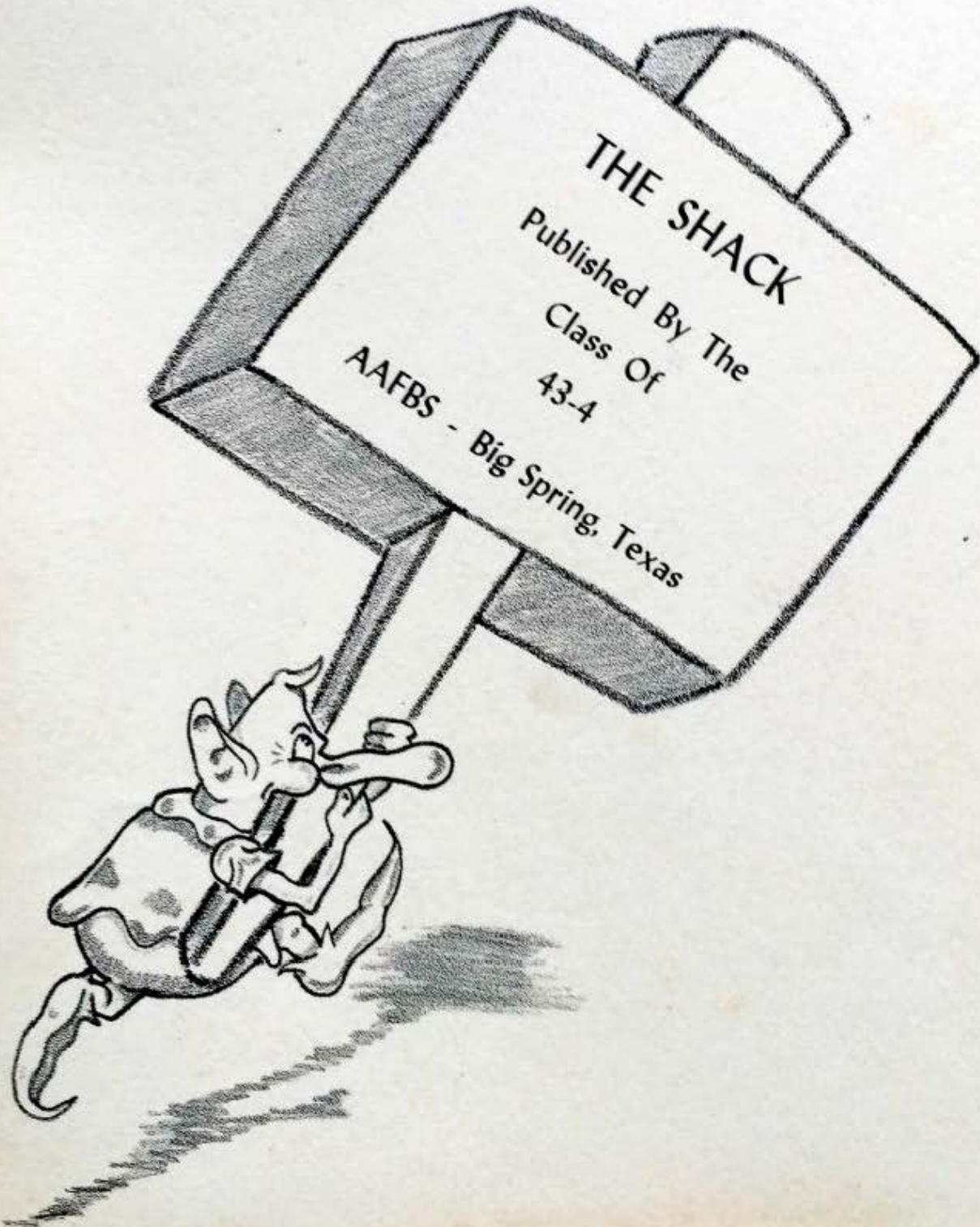


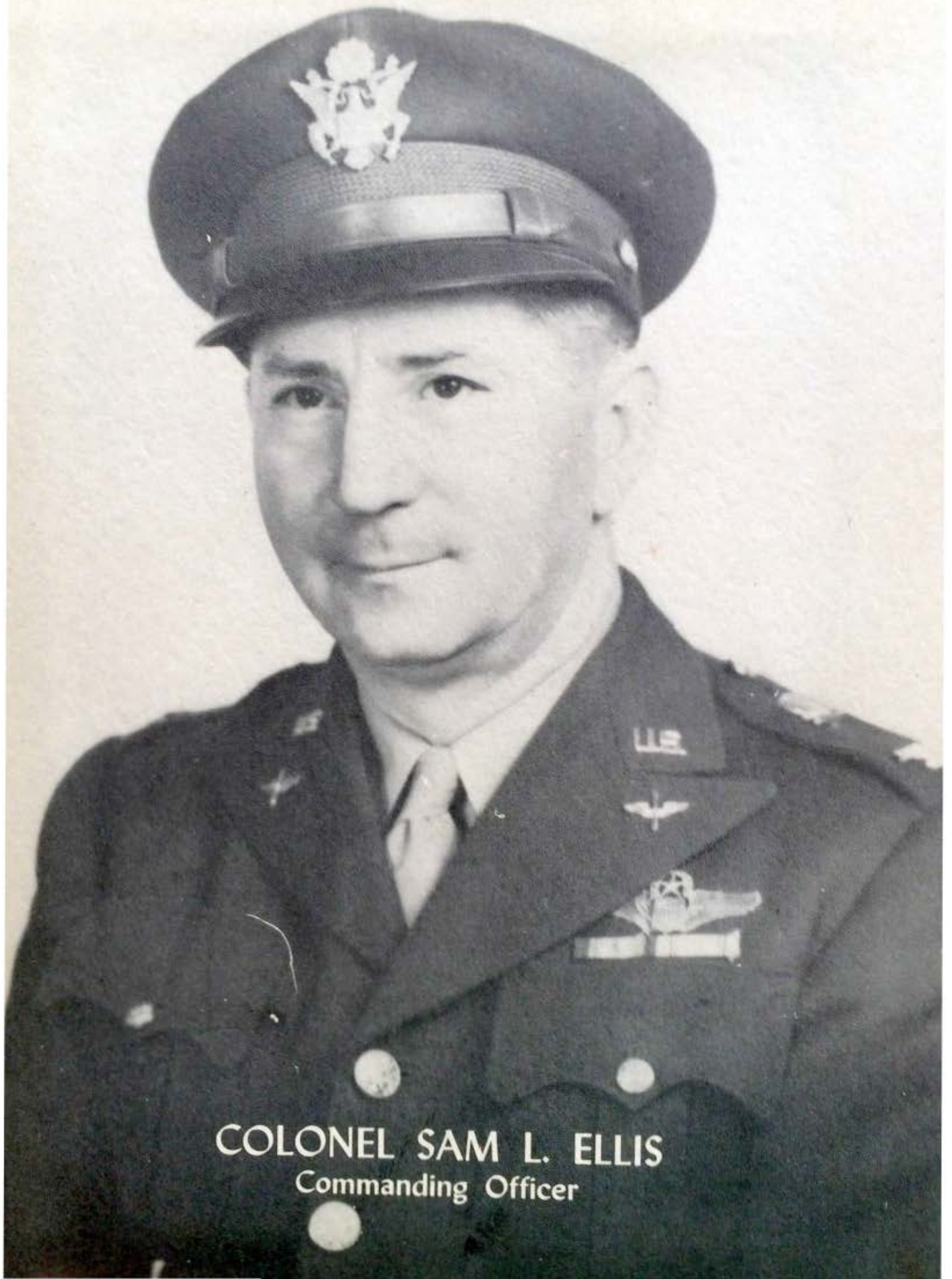






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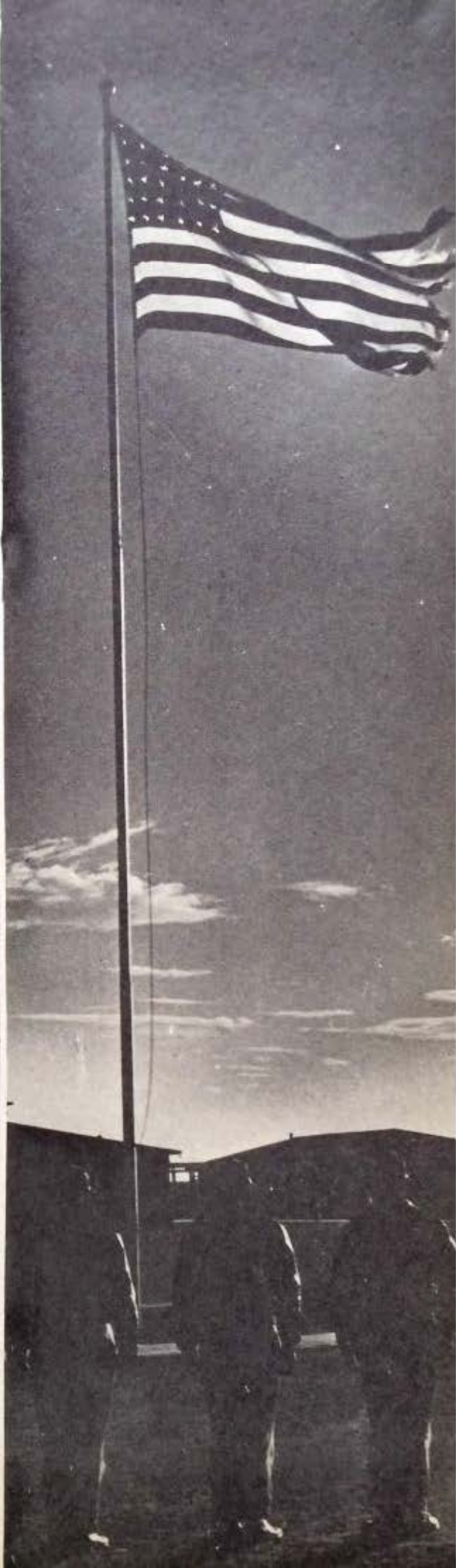




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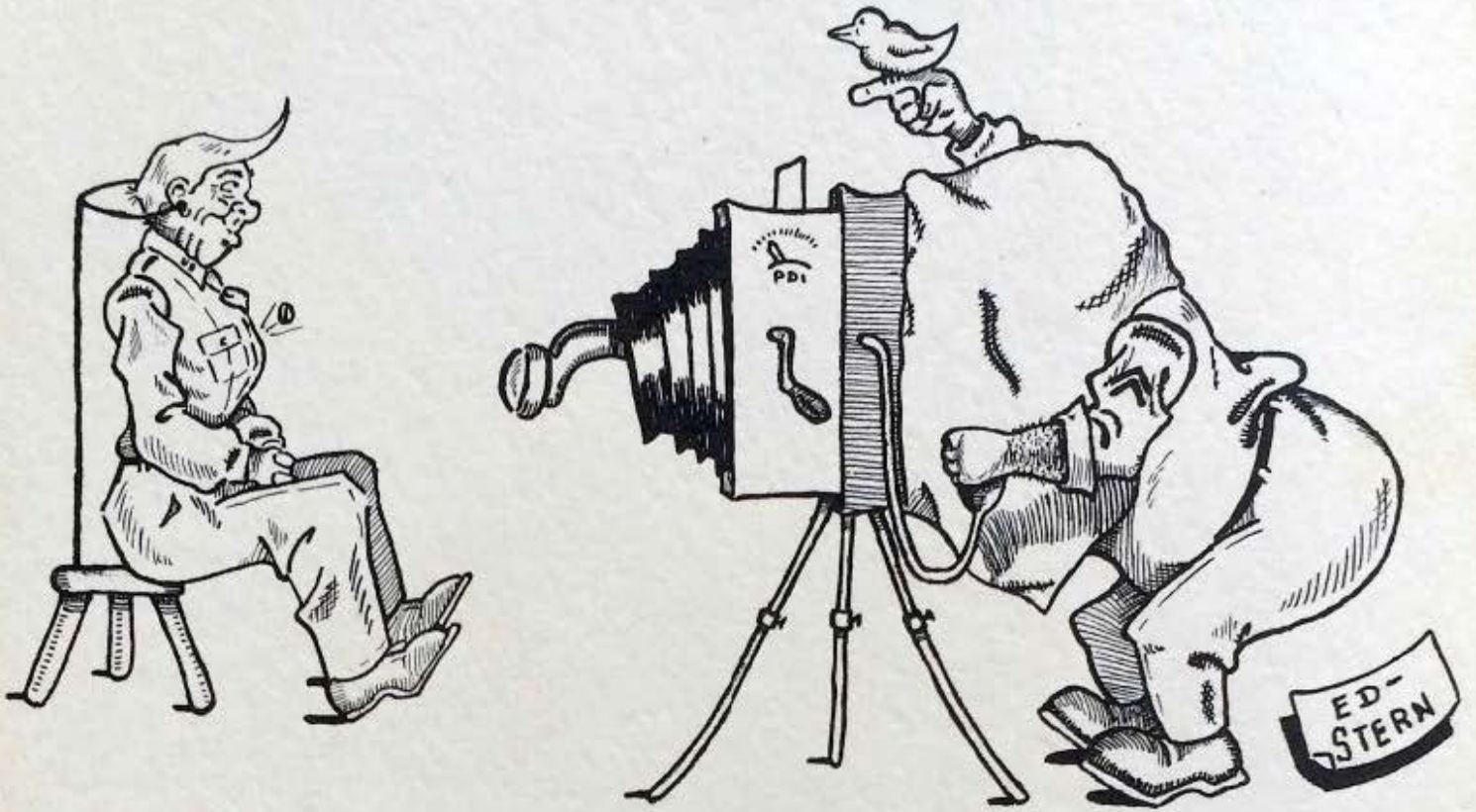


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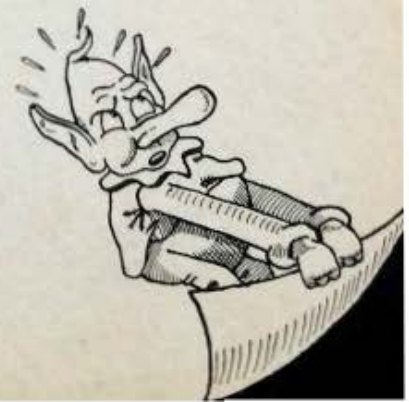
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LT. MORIARITY

Here is a toast to the host of
those
Who love the vastness of the sky.
Of a friend who sends a message
Of his brother men who fly.
We drink to those who gave their
all of old
And down we go to score the
rainbow's pot of gold.
Here is a toast to the host of men
we boast
The Army Air Corps.



LT. J. L. PATERSON
Chaplain



THE FIRST SALVO OF BOMBS DROPPED ON THE BIG SPRING RANGE



THE INSTRUCTORS LAMENT

The Cadet is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me range fires in dry pastures and leadeth me off course. He destroyeth my confidence: He leadeth me into the paths of oncoming planes for is C. E.'s sake.—Yea as I ride in the shadow of accidental releases, I feel no safety: for he is with me; His double release and his salvo they confuse me. Surely confusion and bubble trouble shall follow me all the days of my life and I shall dwell in the realm of the mad forever — — —

EXCERPTS FROM AN INSTRUCTOR'S DIARY:

Dec. 17:—Well, here I am! All set to start on the Merry-Go-Round again. Met, or should I say, saw the new class this A. M. Did you see the gruesome trio I had sic'd on me? How in Hades did that crew escape the hangman?

Dec. 18th:—Brought the three "Angels" to the hangar, and showed 'em the sight. Jackson, he's the guy who smells like a brewery, took one look and—it was lucky the guard tripped him up at the door!! Jones, he's the mopey looking one, I wonder where he came from? Shawkowsky, the Pole from the Bay Ridge Section, had an expression on his pan as if to say 'where do you put the nickles in?'

Dec. 26th:—Did you ever see such a mass of male turpitude before! Strange that most of the boys with bloodshot eyes and splitting heads claim they spent the holiday in church, singing carols—They voiced the opinion that it must have been caused by singing too lustily. Wonder how they account for those shakes?

Jan. 2nd:—There's no more Holidays! The hangar today was a melee of colliding trainers, taking wrong bugs and topped off by Slawkowsky (Ah!) mistaking the Flight Commander for a bug and chasing him half way across the floor before discovering his mistake!! But it was comical to see the F. C. hopping around on one foot because the plumb barb caught his foot a couple times!!!

Jan. 20th:—Went up with my boys today to see how they are doing. Jones drops a bomb that came very close to the shack. Only it was the wrong kind of shack. Right away Jones claims a malfunction!! Yeah, there's a malfunction alright! In his head—

Mar. 3rd:—Ah! Just another week to go! I keep telling myself to take a hold on my shattered nerves, just one more week, just one more week!! But every night I dream of the same thing, starting all over and I wake up screaming!! I experience a cold sweat and nausea—

Mar. 10th:—Tomorrow's The Day!! Graduation day at last. Oh Happy Day! Strange that I should feel a bit of regret in seeing the three leave!! As much as I hollered and screamed they weren't a bad bunch. Had to keep 'em on the ball someway. Boy! What a package of headaches they spell for the Axis— — —Tomorrow I'll meet the next class. Wonder what kind of Dodos I'll get? I never saw it to fail. I'll get the Raunchiest, Dumbest, etc. Oh Dam!

OUR HOT BOMBARDIER

Gather down closely and you shall hear
The story of one, a Hot Bombardier
His name is renown from far and from wide
For Rope was his specialty but not to be tied.

C. E. meant nothing to this young squirt
For on his record he would gamble his shirt
A one twenty five was his permanent fixture
For who could disprove it with never a picture?

His missions were many, his pictures were few
His rope it was long as all of us knew
But how could we prove it and what could we do
When his pictures were bad and very damn few?

I could continue my story for days and for days
But I would only bore you with one sad phrase
Pictures, no pictures, it is the same old story
Rope, and more rope, but all for the Glory.

Such is the story of the Hot Bombardier
And it is for him we shed one glad tear
For without the rope, and with pictures too
Many of us would have cause to be blue.

A/C CHARLES W. COMPTON, JR.
CLASS 43-4





SIGHTING ANGLE.



ON COURSE!



BUMS AWAY!



POINT OF IMPACT



E.S. Lt. R. D. Weigle
"Now when I was in Tokyo"



"BIG SPRINGS"—A TYPICAL PRAIRIE TOWN



The plane winged along thru the morning sky,
And away down below the target came nigh.
The Bombardier perched far up in the nose,
Knew a good hit depended on the action he chose!

He signalled the pilot O.K. and on course,
Thru the earphones there came the sound of a horse,
The quacking of ducks, and succulent snores
Meaning Pilot to Bombardier—open your doors.

The target draws closer the moment is near,
So listen my buddies to the poor Bombardier.
He's grunting and sweating as he pushes and fights,
Buttons and handles on his sight of sights.

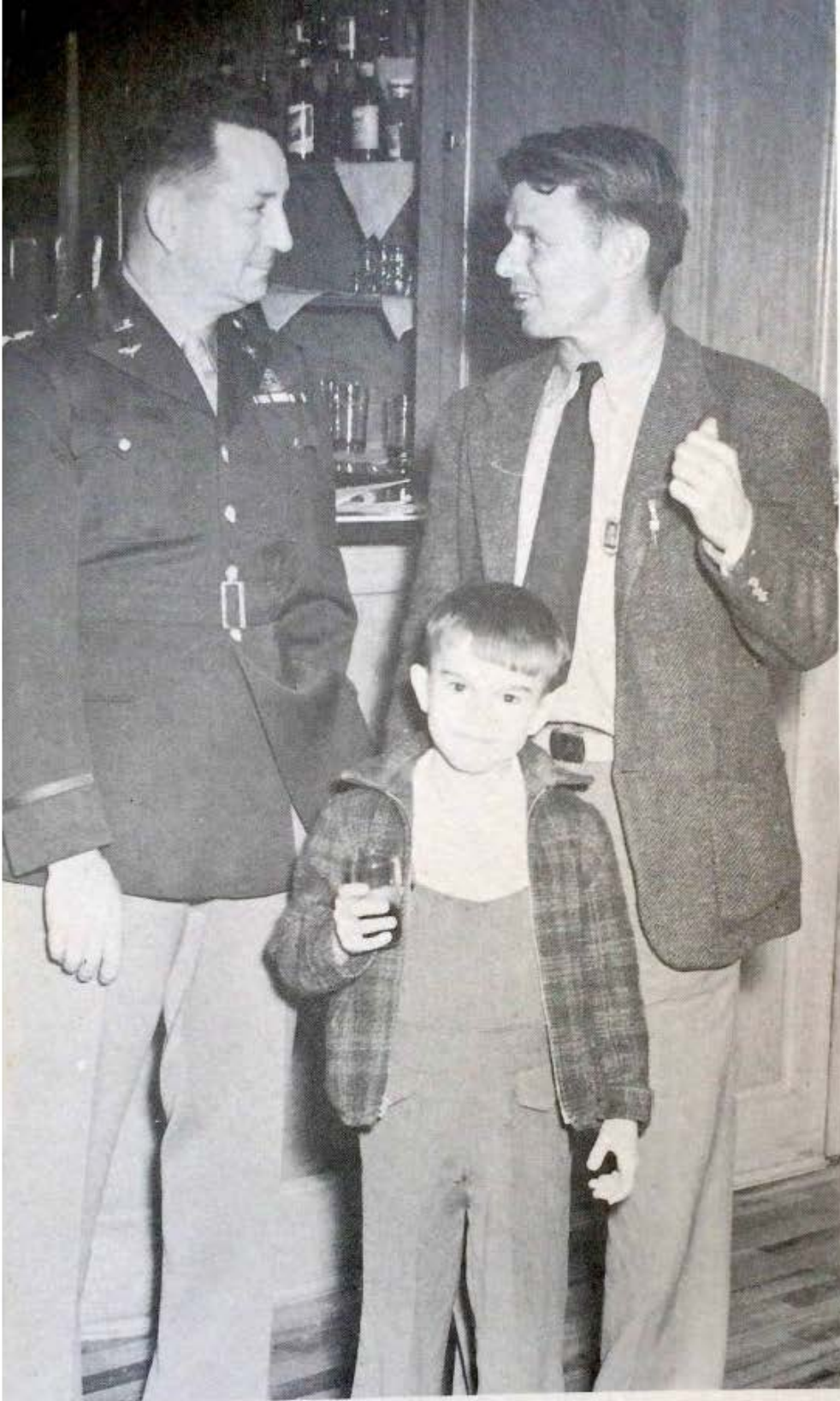
At last there's a click and the cry, "Bombs Away!"
The Bombardier closes his eyes as he prays.
Meanwhile behind him with both hands, he's groping
For his new braided lariat made 'specially for roping.'

Back in the plane sits the louse of all louses
With a camera in hand, already he crouches,
Prepared if need be to hang by his heels,
To give every hit a couple of reels.

The Bombardier straining his eyes on the ground
When from in the back comes a peculiar sound.
Cross the face of the Bombardier comes a look of relief
The camera is falling and passing beneath.

The Bombardier snickers and laughs at the sight
For this is one miss that will ne'er come to light
Then he pales and twitches, and falls in his back,
As both camera and bomb fall into the shack.

DeWITT GARBER
43-4 FLIGHT C



Col. Ellis Talks To "Wrong Way"
Corrigan Of The Ferry Command

Lt. Hank Greenberg Is Responsible
For Our Athletic Program



Famous Last Words

Down through the centuries, have come many famous phrases uttered by the brilliant master minds of our civilized world. Presented herewith is a choice collection of those rendered by the uncivilized.

WHEN DO WE GET PAID?—John C. (3 $\frac{1}{4}$ x3 $\frac{1}{4}$) Staffo

THAT'S A SCATTERBOLT "38", SARGE.—I THINK!—Burt A. Sloane

WONDER WHAT BROADWAY AND 42ND STREET LOOK LIKE?—Fred Shector

"NOW IN STRUTT GART—WE SAY — — —"—Charles E. Swindler

HEY RUBE, "SACK TIME!"—Joseph A. Schwarber

DON'T TELL ME YOUR TROUBLES ! !—Joseph J. Sorenson

"IT'S A GREAT LIFE"—James B. Savage

I'M THE TENNESSEAN—James (clank-clank) Rutledge

SHE'S NOT ONLY MY GIRL—SHE'S MY "TARGET FOR TONIGHT"—Sam Yellowitz

TO MOTHER, SISTER, BROTHER, GIRL FRIENDS AND FIFINELLAS—THE SWEET THINGS!— J. W. Webb

PHOOEY ON THE YANKEES, TEXAS IS STILL A GREAT STATE—James J. Williams

"SIGHTED SACK-HIT SAME"—Jerome Weinstein

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THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE TEXAS, THANK GOD! ! ! —Joe W. "Terrible" Touhy

"MEN OF TROY ARISE!"—Fimie E. Troy

"GET OFF MY BACK! !" —Joe G. Stuart

ITS THOSE DAMNED GREMLINS, SIR!—A. E. Stern, Jr.

I'M FLUSHING'S GIFT TO BOMBARDIERING—John F. Brown

ONE GOOD THING ABOUT THIS STATE—THE YANKEES IN IT.—William E. (Oakie) Davenport

THE CURTAIN FALLS ON ONE, RISES ON ANOTHER—Frank Rubin

HERE'S AN "EX"-TEXAS SCHOOL TEACHER WHO HOPES TO TEACH HITLER A THING OR TWO—Byron W. Curtis

"A SHAD SHACK OF A BOMBARDIER"—Milton Schwartz.

WE'LL BE HOME SOON—BUT OUR SIGHTS MUST SEE TOKYO FIRST!—Edward Brosky

WONDER WHERE ABE IS?—Mrs. Gremlin

"IS THIS PLANE SAFE?"—Harry E. Scarborough

"BAZOOM"—Eugene R. O'Brien

"WE SHAPED UP AGAIN"—Mark "The Monk" Schneider

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Hi Chums:
The Hunting's Swell!
We'll Save A Few For
You.
See You Soon!
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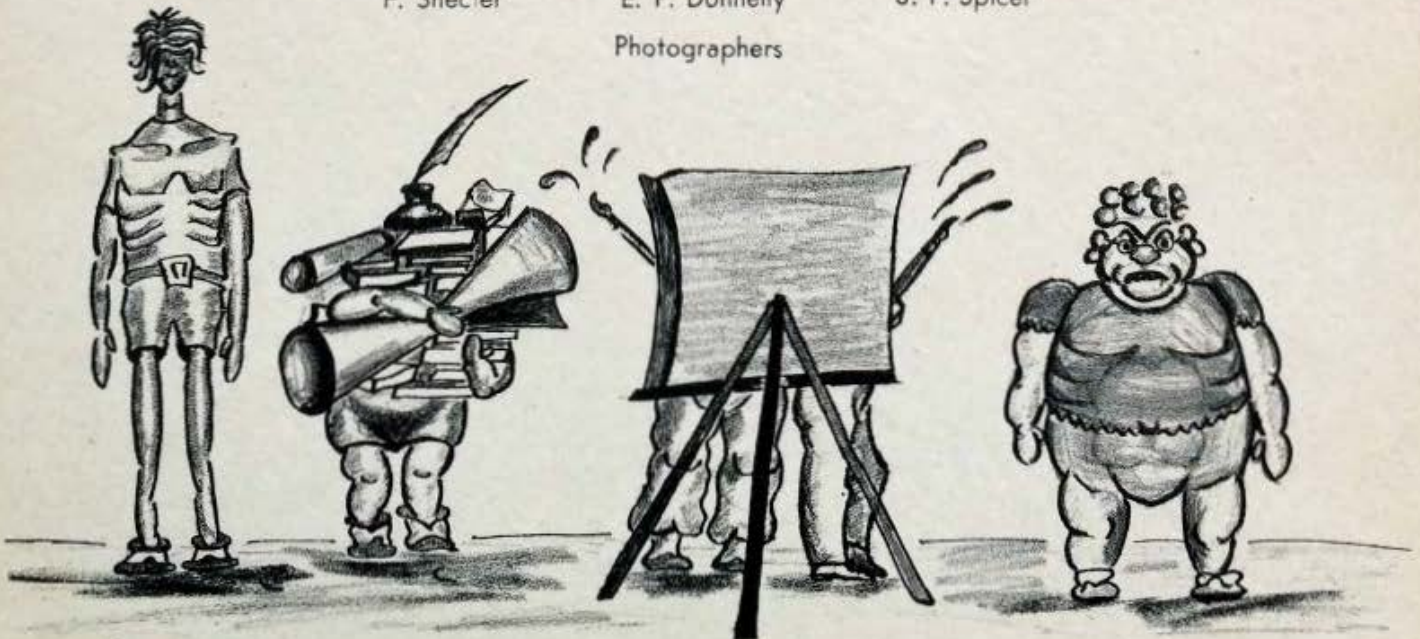
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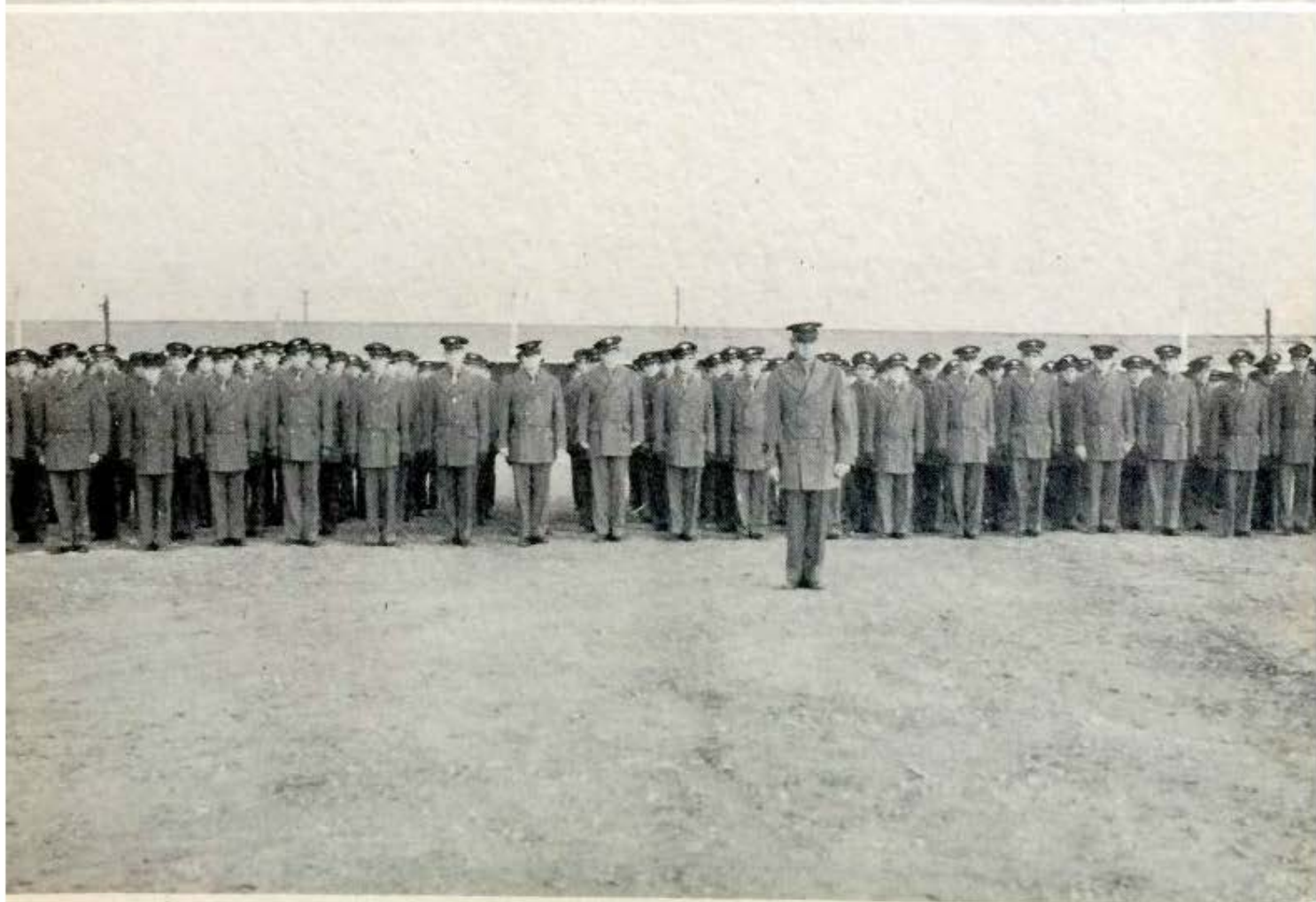
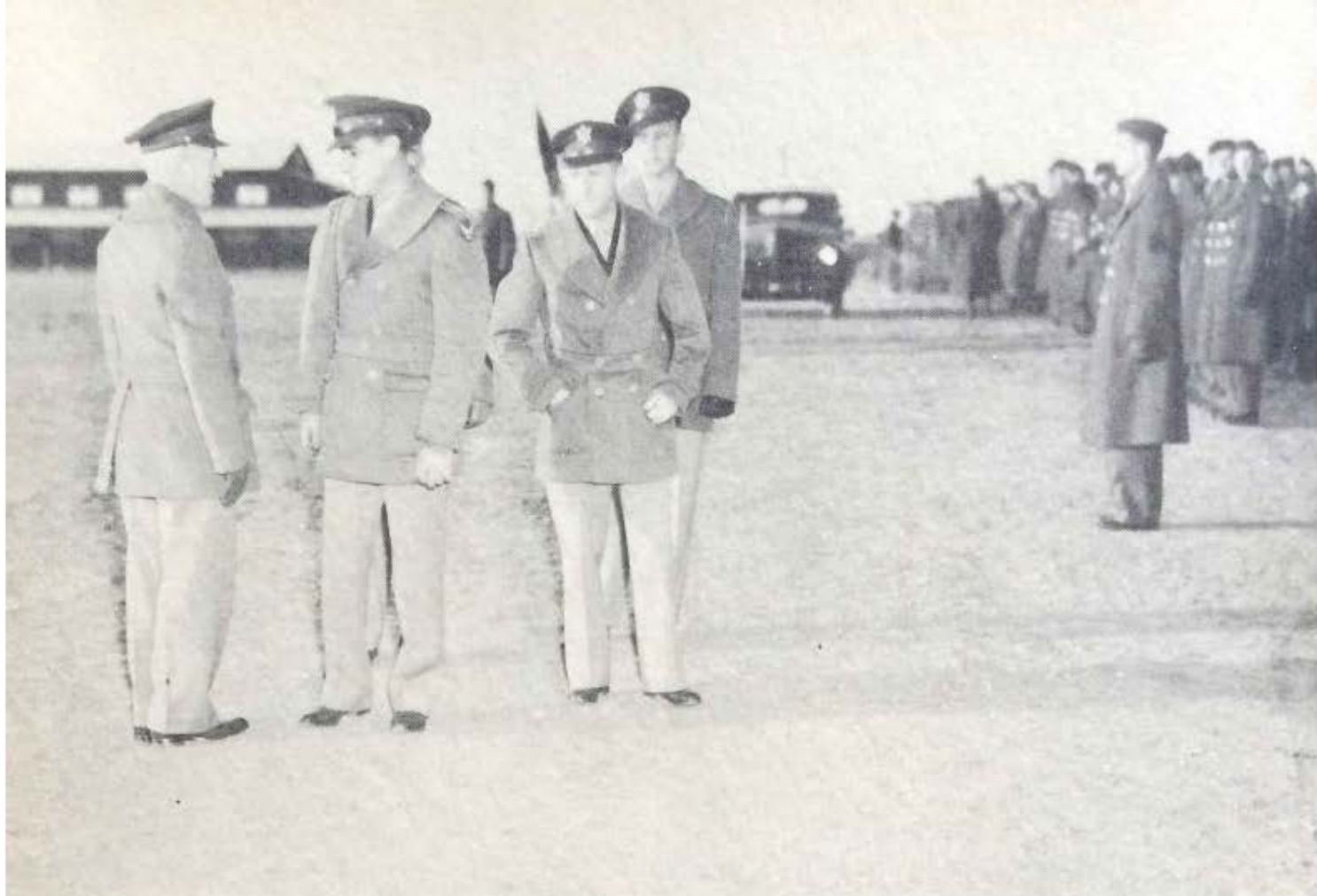
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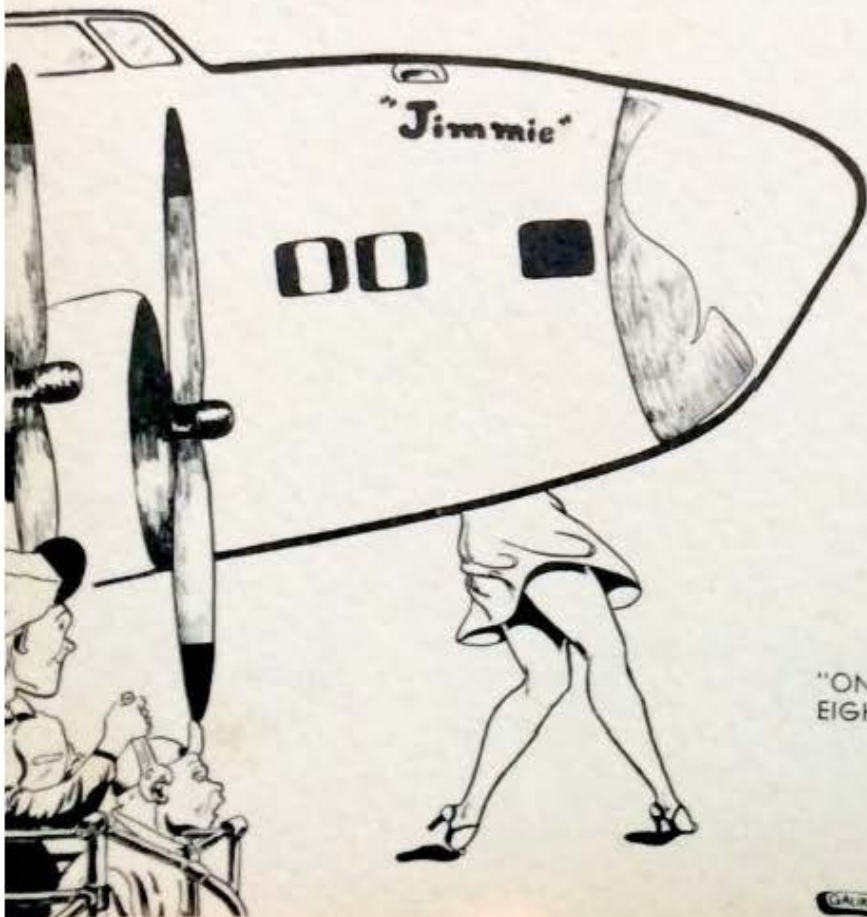
THEY KEEP 'EM FLYING!



M\Sgt. Robert Fairlee . . . B. S. Maintenance "At Ease, Pleeze! Clean with CCL4 and linen. Two drips equal a drop. Apply a light coat of heavy oil, and I'll show you how it works tomorrow."

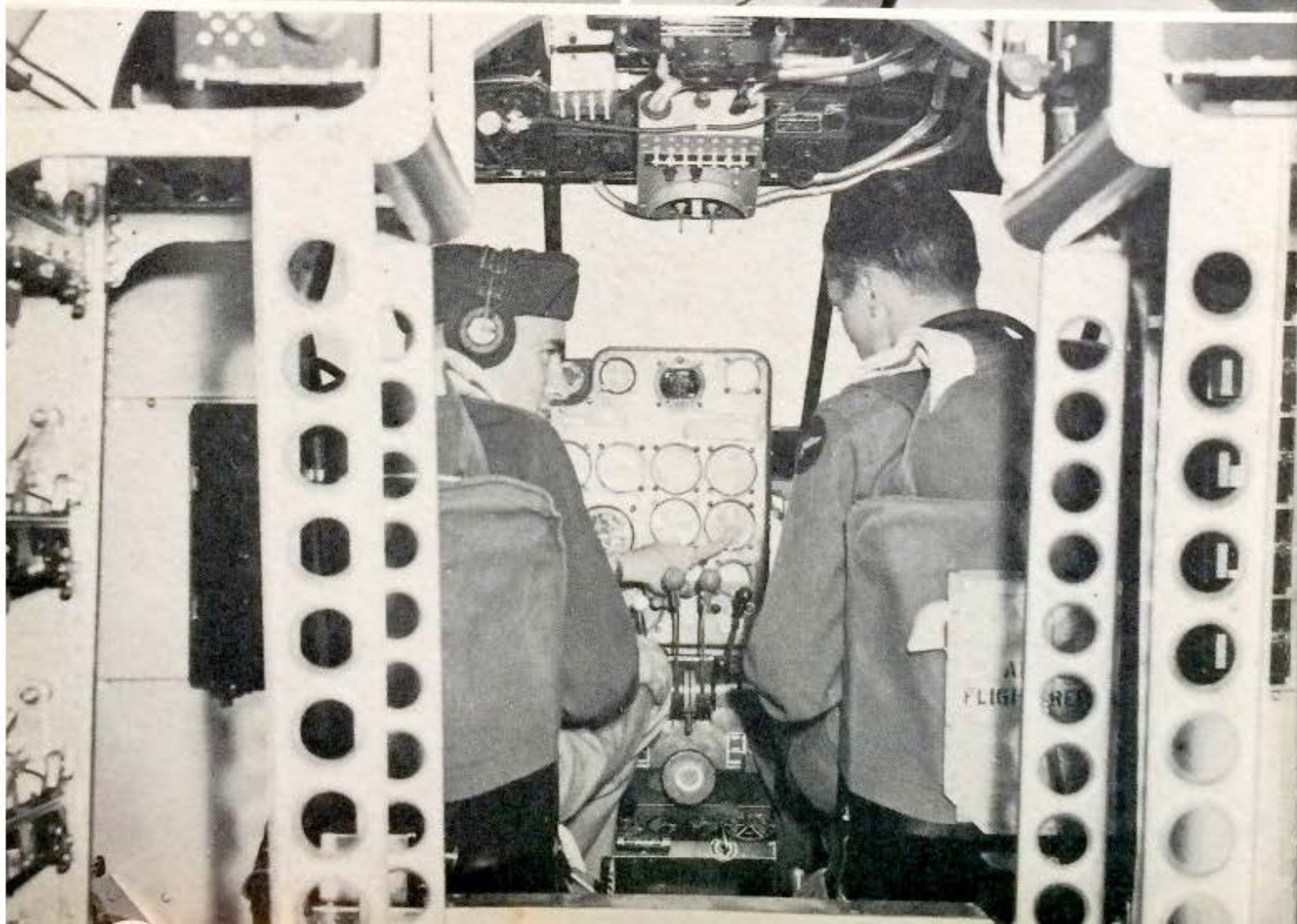


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STUDENT OPERATIONS



"ONE MAN IN THE AIR, REQUIRES
EIGHTEEN ON THE GROUND"









"A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL ---"





SHANGRI-LA



"We expected this!"



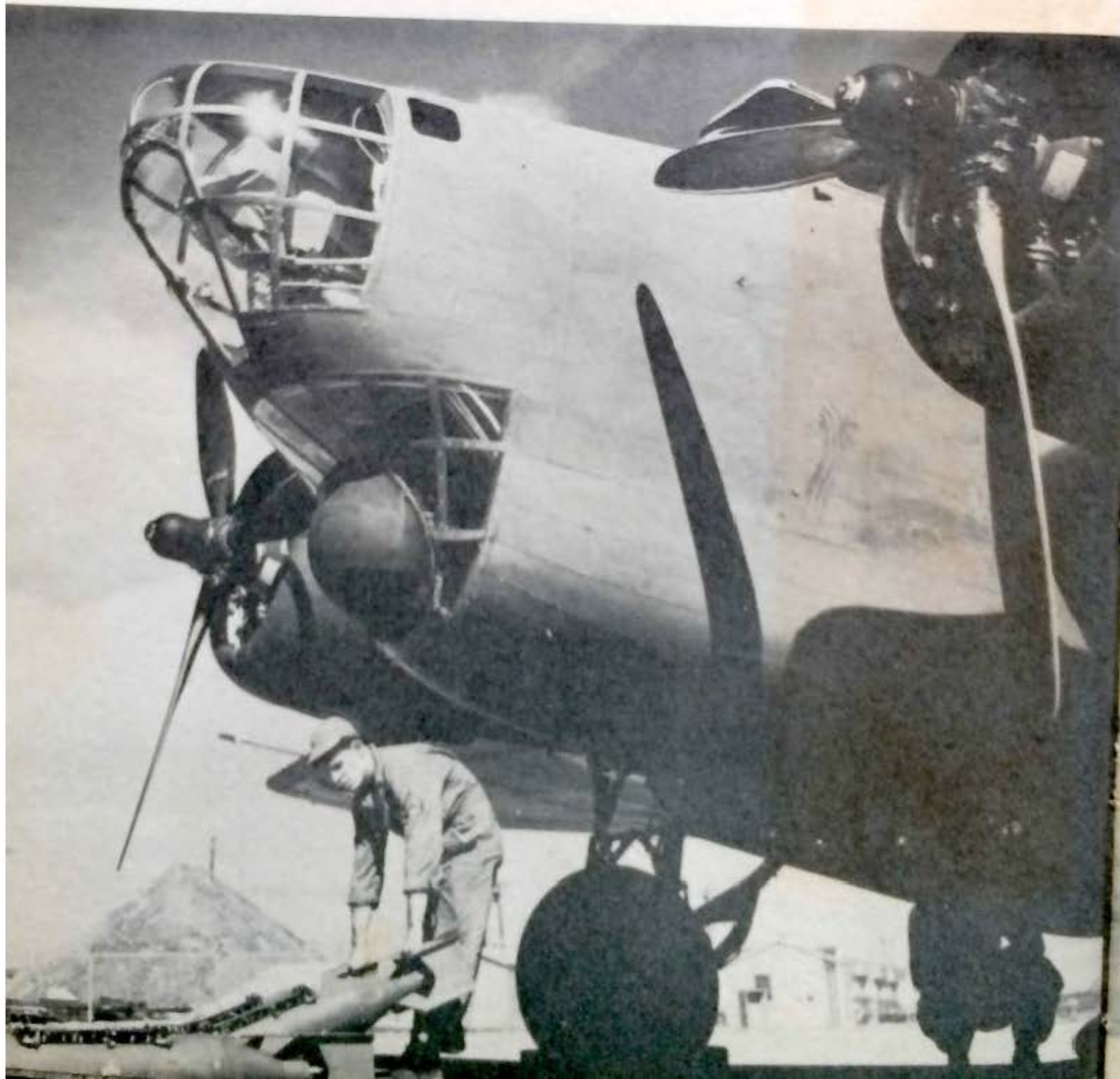


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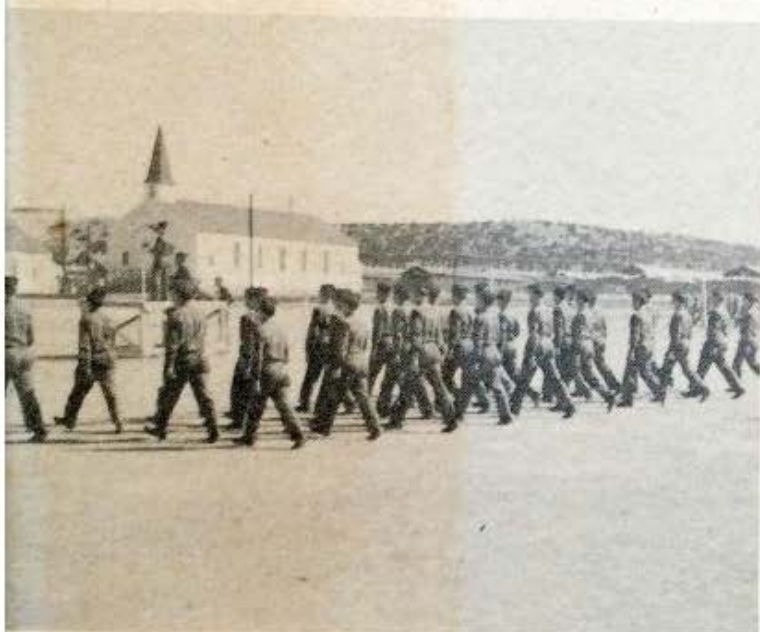


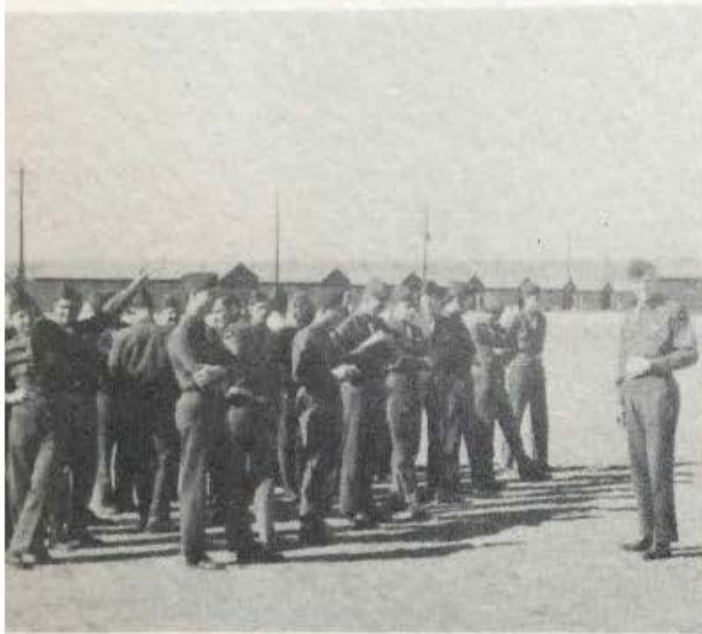
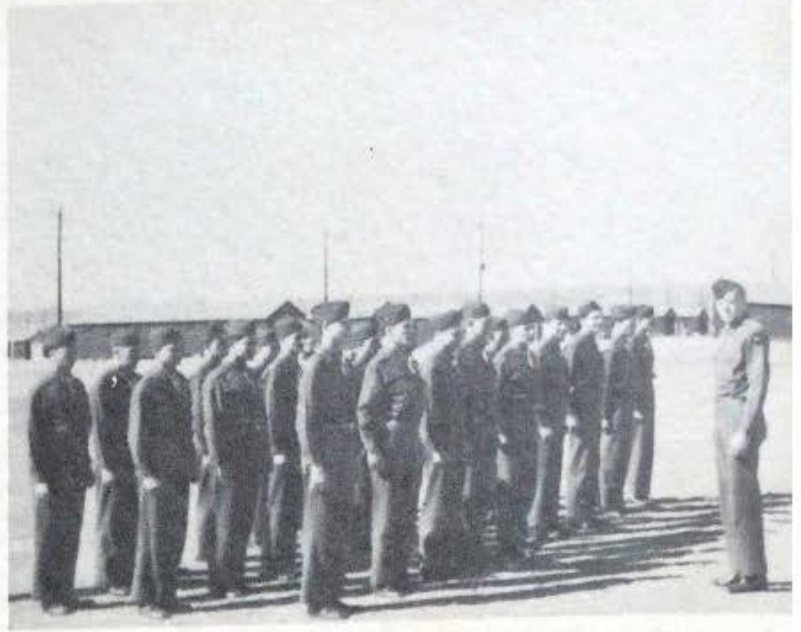
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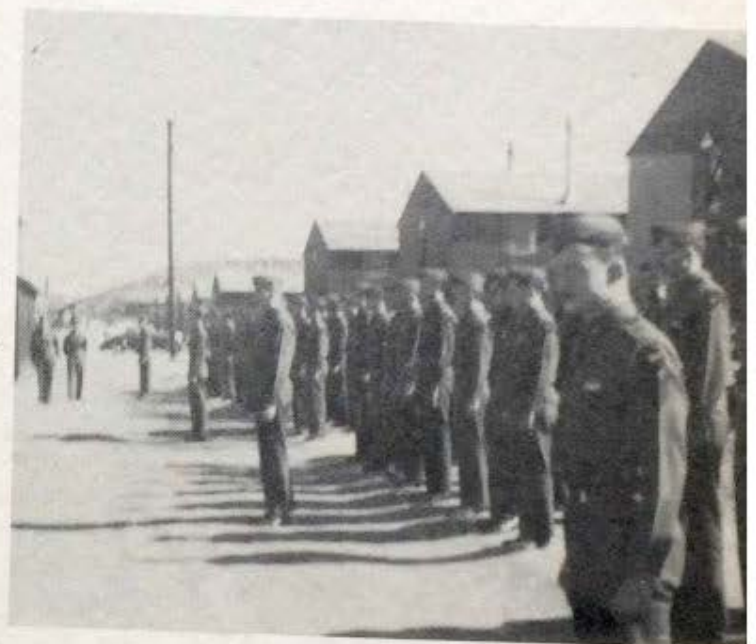
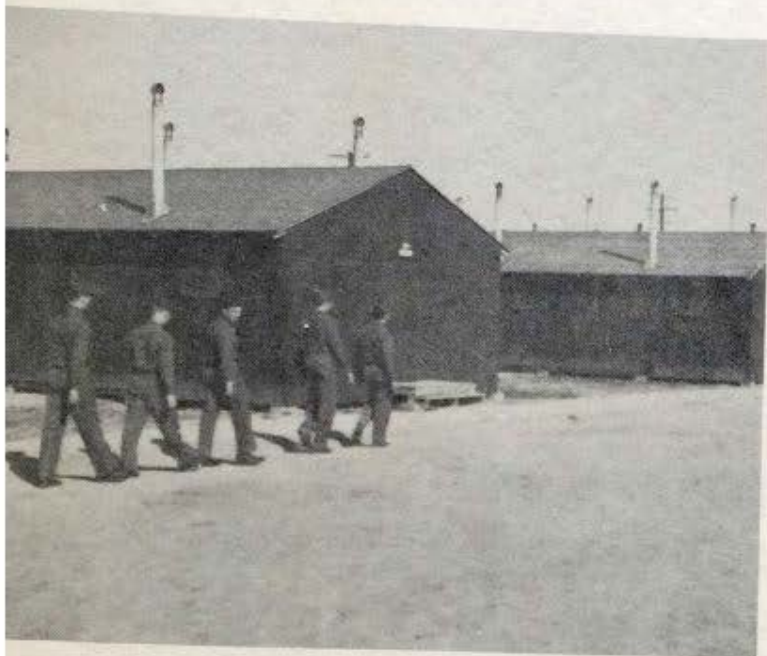
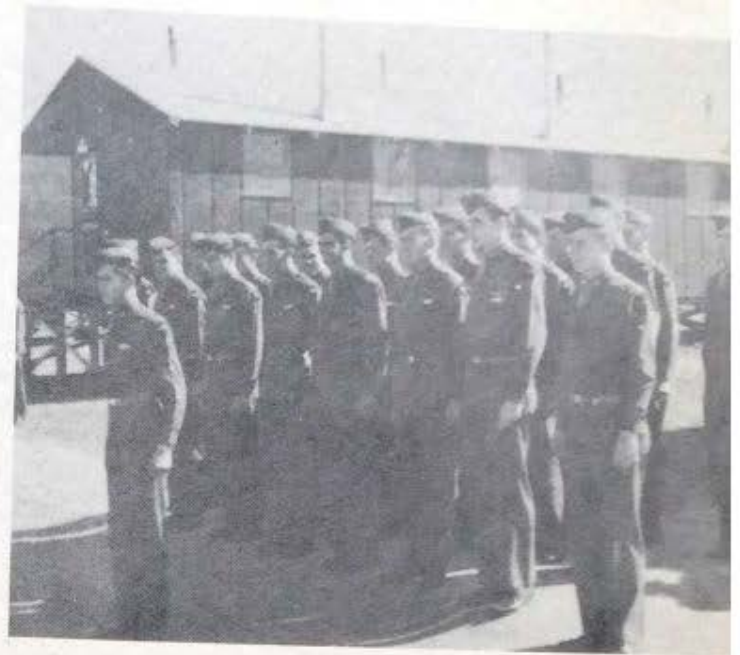




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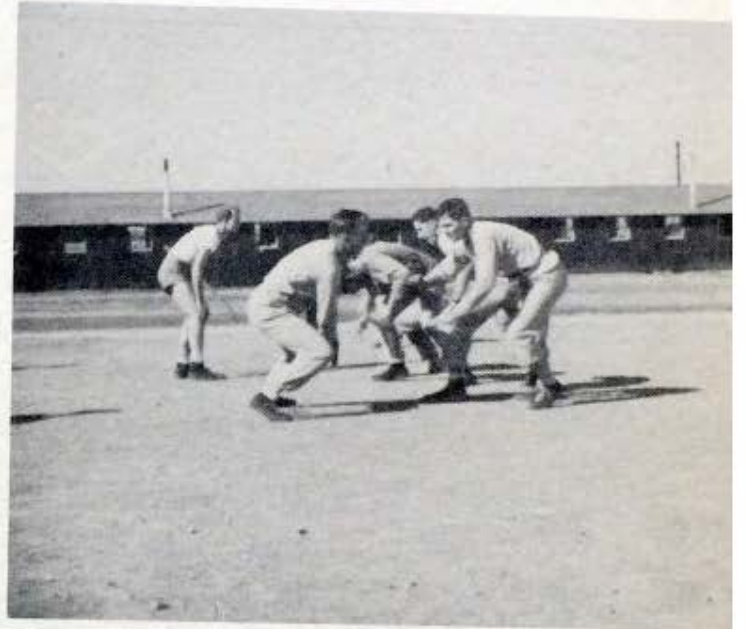
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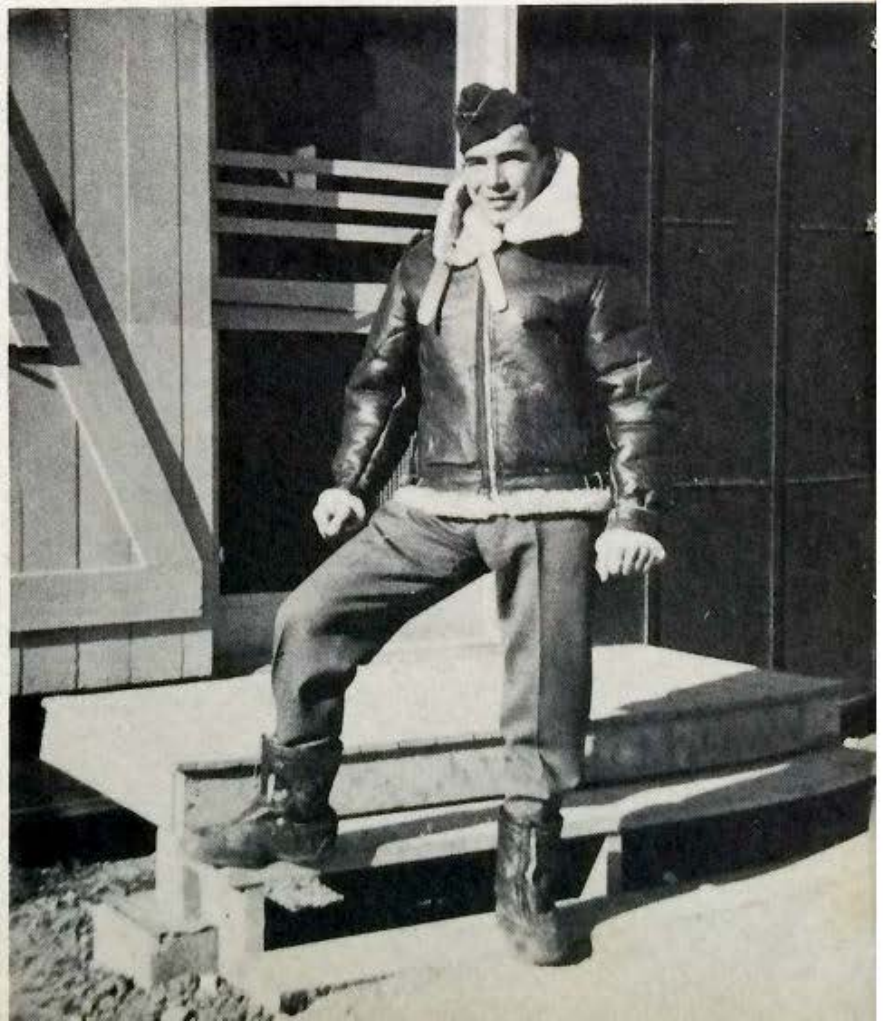


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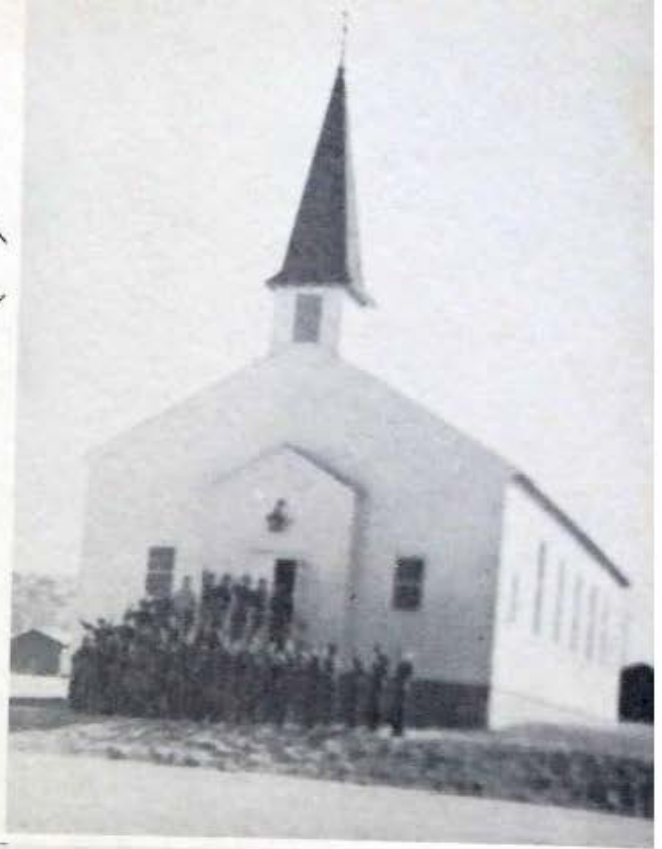
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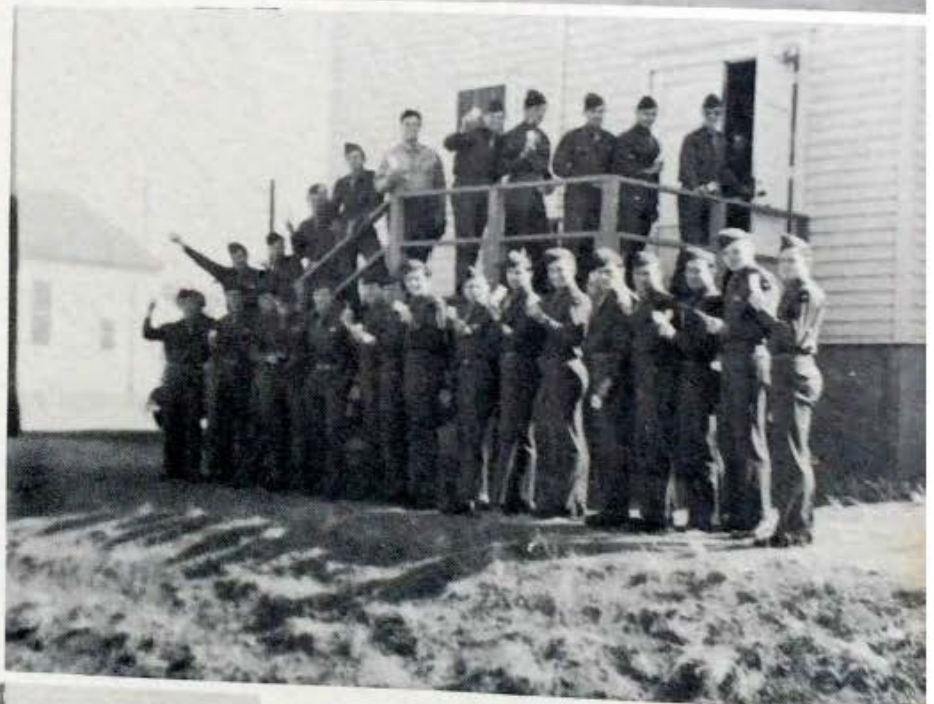
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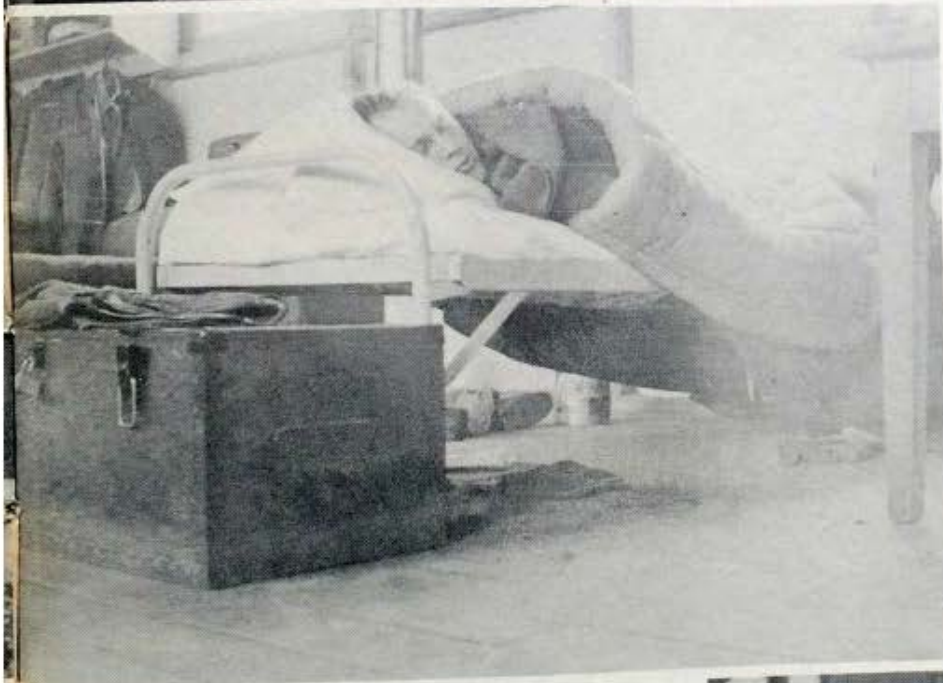
H. Sanford Young Jr.
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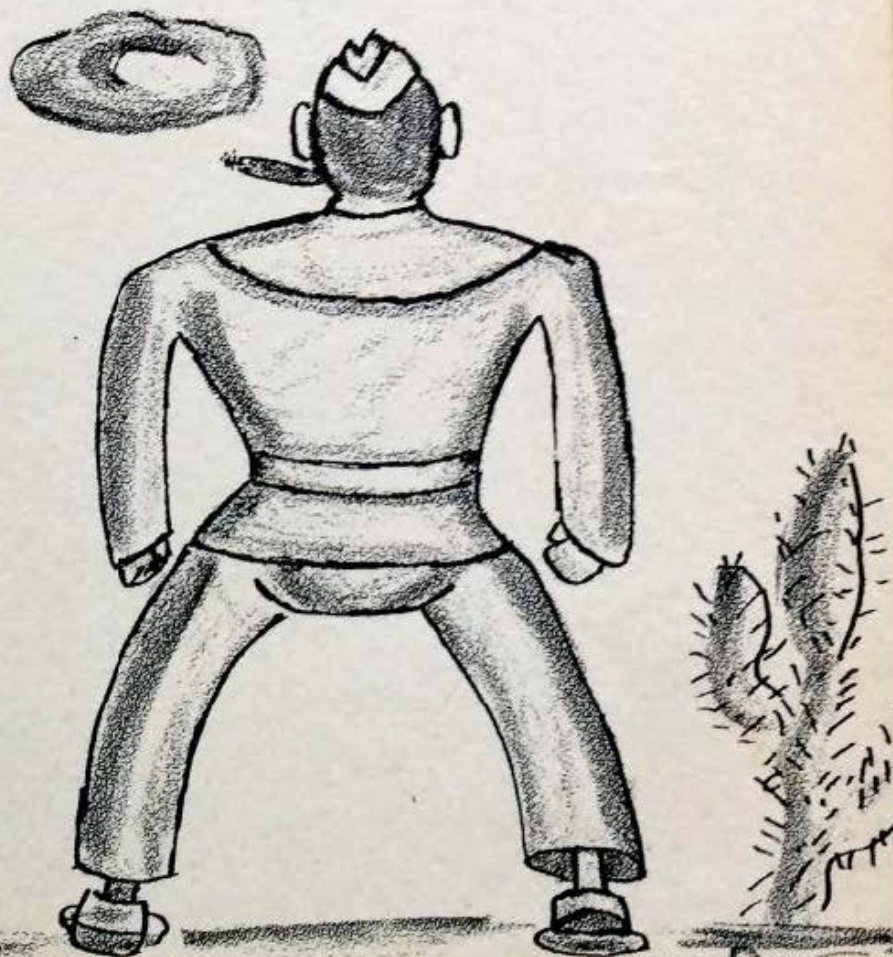






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P.T.

Instructor

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MONDAY Peanut Butter and Bread	TUESDAY BREAD and Peanut Butter	WEDNESDAY Peanut-Butter JAM and Bread	THURSDAY BREAD and JAM	FRIDAY Jam and Peanut-Butter	SATURDAY JAM and BREAD	SUNDAY More BREAD Peanut Butter and JAM
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