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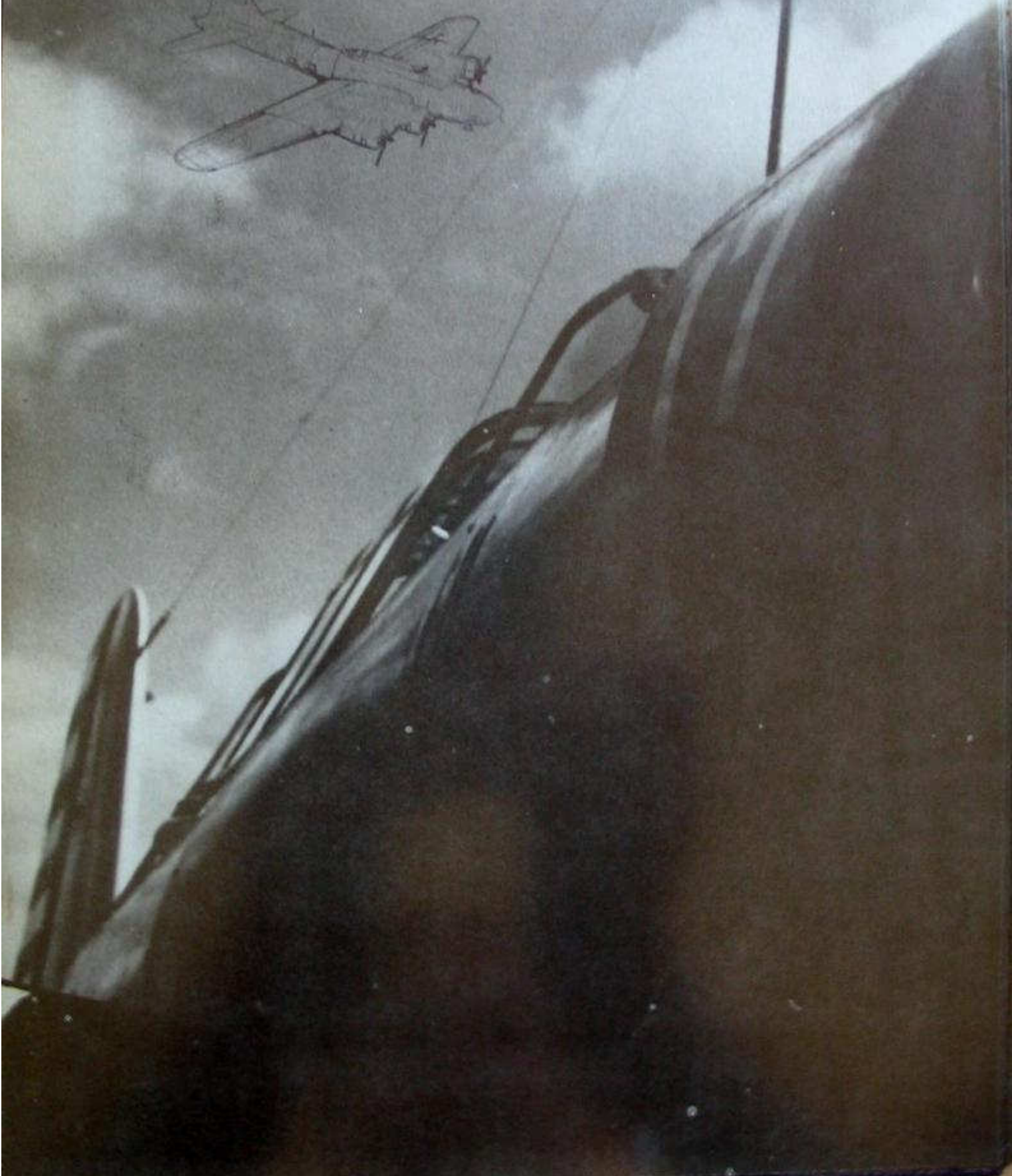
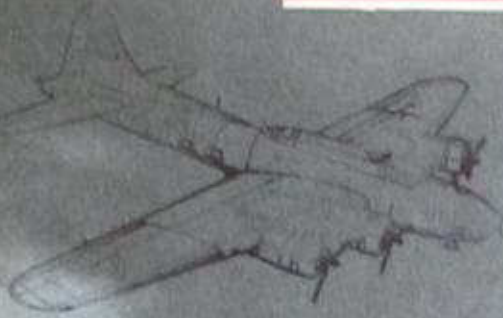
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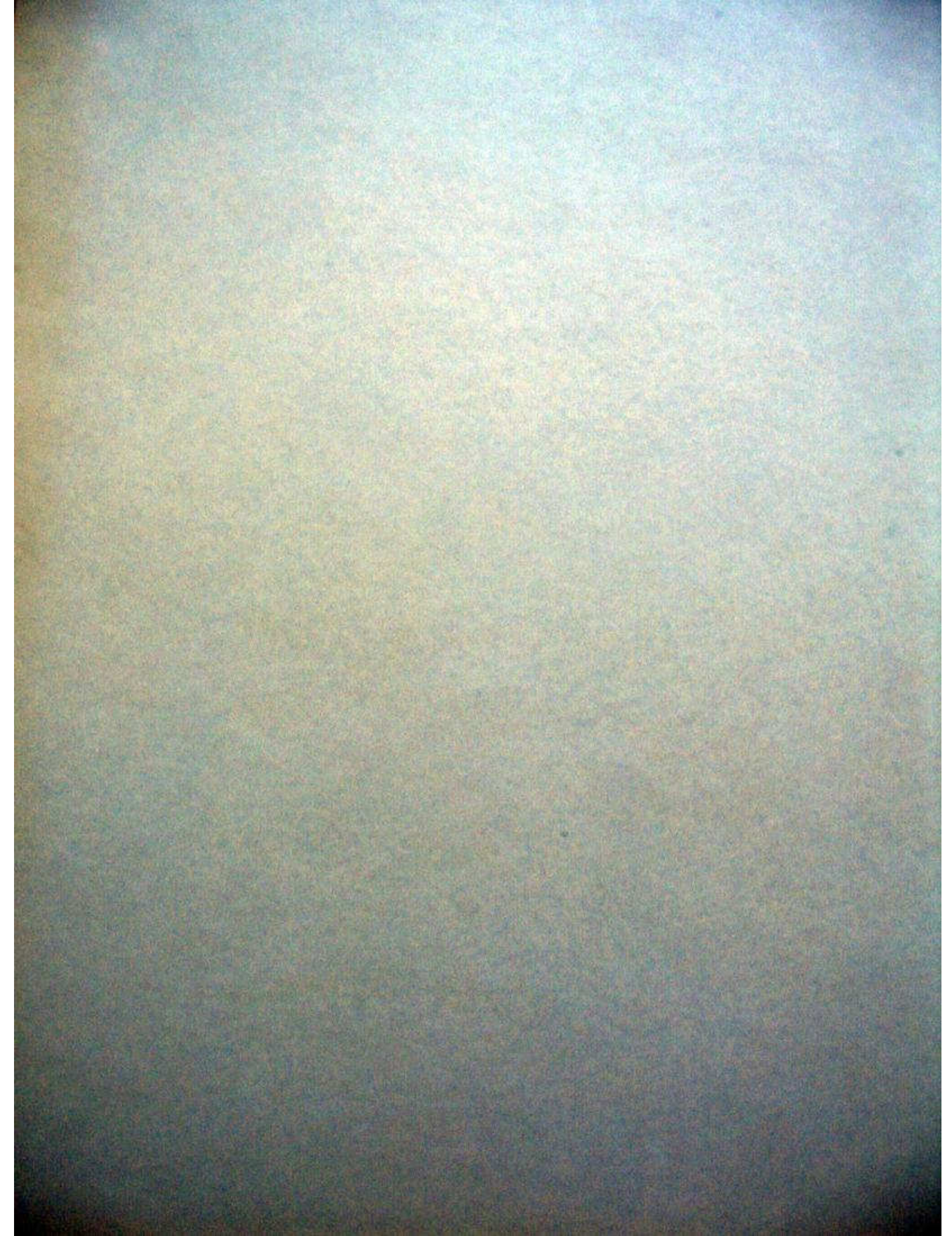
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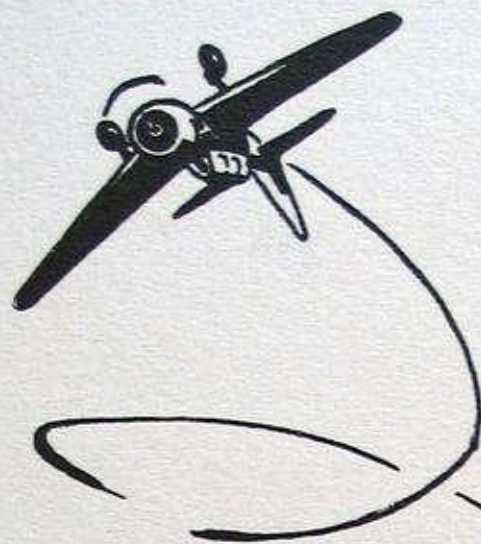
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*A. A. F. Basic Flying School  
Pecos Army Flying School  
Pecos, Texas*

*Class 44-A*



*Dedicated  
In Memoriam  
To*



LT. WILLIAM C. HERR  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
Instructor Sqd. 11



JACK D. McDUFFEY  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
Thunderbird II  
P.A.A.F. Sqd. 13  
First Sergeant



DAVID H. BRIDGES  
Dallas, Texas  
Santa Maria  
P.A.A.F. Sqd. 9

*With deep respect and admiration  
for the sacrifice which gave  
their fellows new courage.*

## *New Commanding Officer*



*Colonel Orin J. Bushey*

Colonel Orin J. Bushey, Pecos Army Air Field's new commanding officer is well qualified to command a flying training post, having entered the Army during the last war trained as an Aviation Cadet and has served with the Air Corps with the Regular Army since that time.

A graduate of the Advanced Flying School at Kelly Field, the Balloon and Airship school at Scott Field, Illinois and the Aircraft Tactical School at Montgomery, Alabama, Colonel Bushey holds all the Army Air Forces flying ratings, including Command Pilot, Command Observer and Airplane Pilot. Colonel Bushey has served three years on the Staff of the General Army Air Forces and one year as Assistant Chief of Staff under Major General Barton K. Young, Commanding General of the AAF Training Command, Fort Worth, Texas.

Colonel and Mrs. Bushey have a son, Second Lieutenant Robert H. Bushey, and a daughter, Carolyn Ann Bushey. The family resides at Fort Worth, Texas.



HEADQUARTERS  
PECOS ARMY AIR FIELD  
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDANT  
PECOS, TEXAS

To the Class of 44-A:

Congratulations to each of you from all of us here at Pecos Army Air Field! In you we see the excellence of our training program. We are proud of you and proud for you.

Now you leave us to tackle a larger job. It will not be an easy one, just as it was not easy to complete successfully the course at Pecos. But you will go onward and you will succeed. We know this because we know you.

We have not tried to tax your minds with all the tricks of flying. We have, however, tried to so train you that you will instantly seize upon, and successfully employ, each new trick of tactics as it is presented to you, whether in further training or in the sky of combat.

With each of you goes a little of us as you climb further up the steps into that glorious fraternity known as the United States Army Air Force.

Good Luck - Godspeed!

*Orin J. Bushey*  
ORIN J. BUSHEY,  
Colonel, A. C.,  
Commandant.





*Field  
Officers*



MAJOR C. W. THAXTON  
Director of Training

MAJOR M. H. BAUR  
Deputy Director of Training



CAPT. C. W. SAWYER  
Director of Flying



CAPT. J. RIZZO  
Director of Maintenance



LT. W. F. CAMPBELL  
School Secretary



MAJOR F. H. STRAYER  
Commandant of Cadets



LT. A. T. SPAULDING  
Adjutant

Congratulations to every one of you upon completion of your basic training.

We hope that while you have been mastering the basic principles of flying the military airplane you have also laid in a good store of military discipline and determination to use in the more severe tests ahead of you.

We will be watching your achievements with pride and confidence. We shall be eager to hear from you of your adventures and your victories.

Good luck, God bless you.

FRED H. STRAYER  
Major, Air Corps,  
Commandant of Students

(Not Pictured)

LT. BARTON  
Tactical Officer



LT. RAY W. HARRIS  
Tactical Officer



LT. D. C. GELATT  
Physical Training and  
Tactical Officer



LT. F. J. McKENNA  
Catholic Chaplain



MAJOR E. R. HILL  
Flight Surgeon



CAPT. L. L. ENSOR  
Protestant Chaplain



LT. F. G. BAUM  
Supply Officer



LT. R. R. KILMAN  
Physical Training and  
Tactical Officer



LT. P. BEAVER  
Physical Training



CAPT. J. M. BARBER  
Director

## Ground School



LT. LINDQUIST  
Assistant

# Flying Department

## Group Commander

CAPT. L. W. ESTEP  
Group Commander



CAPT. G. J. SMITH  
Group Executive



CAPT. P. A. FITTER  
Ass't. Group Commander



CAPT. C. H. HOLTON  
Ass't. Group Commander





*Lt. L. R. Lambert  
A/C E. W. Moore*



CLASS C

AND THEIR INSTRUCTORS

# Squadron 9



LT. R. L. STALLINGS  
Squadron Commander



LT. V. D. DOCKERY  
Flight Commander



LT. C. FERRIS  
Flight Commander



LT. J. S. LEAK



LT. L. D. HOLSTEAD

(Not Pictured)

LT. W. J. MATHE

LT. W. E. CONNER



LT. L. T. HAYDEN



LT. H. A. WILLIAMS



Byron E. Abbott  
Houston, Texas  
Primary—Thunderbird No. 1

Lloyd B. Aclin  
Little Rock, Arkansas  
Primary—Thunderbird No. 1

Argent J. Acosta, Jr.  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
Primary—Ryan Field  
First Sergeant



James M. Addy  
Bakersfield, California  
Primary—Ryan Field

Robert J. Agostinho  
Campbell, California  
Primary—Ryan Field

Leigh T. Ahlstrom  
Pollock Pines, California

Ralph B. Albaugh  
McLennan, Texas  
Thunderbird II  
Flight A Lieutenant



Andrew J. Allison  
Thunderbird II

Billy L. Allman  
Crane, Texas  
Primary—Thunderbird No. 1

Charles W. Alward  
Arcadia, Oklahoma  
Primary—Hancock College



Richard R. Ambrose  
Stanford University  
Thunderbird II



Clyde Ames  
Seattle, Washington  
Primary—Ryan Field



George G. Andrew  
Lubbock, Texas  
Primary—Santa Maria, California



Robert C. Aners  
Seattle, Washington  
Primary—Ryan Field



William V. Apple  
Paris, Texas



Ivan D. Azlein  
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho



James D. Babbitt  
Flagstaff, Arizona  
Primary—Ryan Field



Robert E. Bailey  
Wadley, Alabama  
Primary—Thunderbird No. 1



Alvin O. Baker  
Great Falls, Montana  
Primary—Ryan Field



Charles G. Baker  
Russellville, Arkansas  
Primary—Santa Maria, California



**William H. Baldrige**  
Corpus Christi, Texas  
Primary—Santa Maria, California

**Jay B. Baldwin**  
Tooele, Utah  
Primary—Thunderbird II

**Herman S. Balzar**  
Reno, Nevada  
Primary—Hemet, California



**Alvin D. Barger**  
Chickasha, Oklahoma  
Primary—Hemet, California

**Robert C. Barnes**  
Houston, Texas  
Primary—Hemet, California

**Mancefield Barrow**  
Paragould, Arkansas  
Primary—Santa Maria, California

**Jim W. Baugh**  
Abilene, Texas  
Primary—Thunderbird No. 1



**Frank R. Bauman**  
Driggs, Idaho  
Primary—Thunderbird No. 1

**John C. Beale**  
Houston, Texas  
Primary—Thunderbird No. 1

**Clyde L. Bellows**  
Three Rivers, Texas  
Primary—Thunderbird No. 1



Vincent P. Berardi  
Kingston, New York  
Primary—Thunderbird No. 1

Robert W. Bernhard  
San Antonio, Texas  
Primary—Santa Maria, California

James T. Berry  
San Antonio, Texas  
Primary—Santa Maria, California



E. L. Bills  
Nashville, Tennessee  
Primary—Santa Maria, California  
Flight B. Sergeant

Edward G. Bishop  
Graham, Texas  
Primary—Santa Maria, California

Robert W. Black  
Pasadena, California  
Primary—Hemet, California

George M. Blaine  
Tulsa, Oklahoma  
Primary—Hemet, California



S. B. Blanchard  
Port Arthur, Texas  
Primary—Thunderbird 1

Harold D. Bledsoe  
McDonough, Georgia  
Primary—Santa Maria, California

Mayo J. Bloomfield



**Raymond C. Booth**  
El Paso, Texas  
Primary—Thunderbird II



**Charles S. Borden**  
Washington, D. C.  
Primary—Thunderbird I



**Max H. Bowerman**  
Shreveport, Louisiana  
Primary—Thunderbird II  
Flight A Sergeant



**Stewart D. Bowles**  
Alameda, California  
Primary—Hemet, California



**Clyde H. Box**  
Birmingham, Alabama  
Primary—Thunderbird II  
Flight B Lieutenant



**Charles H. Boyer, Jr.**  
Fort Worth, Texas  
Primary—Santa Maria, California



**Earl L. Braga**  
Gooding, Idaho  
Primary—Hemet, California



**George M. Braga**  
Burlingame, California  
Primary—Hemet, California



**Robert M. Brandt**  
San Jose, California  
Primary—Santa Maria, California



**John K. Braselton**  
Quanah, Texas  
Primary—Thunderbird II



**Leslie F. Brazelton**  
Mitchell Heights, Eureka, Calif.  
Primary—Thunderbird II  
Squadron Captain

**William L. Burnett**

**Basil L. Hoyle**  
Decatur, Texas  
Primary—Thunderbird I  
Commander Group 1

**David H. Bridges**  
Dallas, Texas  
Primary—Santa Maria, California



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# Squadron 10

CAPT. W. J. CLEMENS  
Squadron Commander



LT. B. G. WHITE  
Flight Commander



LT. V. E. ADAMS  
Flight Commander



LT. J. Q. PEEPLES



LT. C. L. PATTERSON



LT. W. F. MOORE



LT. R. S. HENRY



LT. W. B. PFIESTER



LT. C. W. WOLPERS



**John C. Bright**  
 Blytheville, Arkansas  
 Primary—Santa Maria, California

**William F. Brown**  
 Edwardsville, Kansas  
 Primary—Hemet, California

**John B. Bruce**  
 Roswell, New Mexico  
 Primary—Santa Maria, California



**Max J. Bruton**  
 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
 Primary—Hemet, California

**Fred G. Buckner**  
 Nacogdoches, Texas  
 Primary—Thunderbird No. 1  
 Supply Officer

**Dellon E. Bumgardner**  
 Corpus Christi, Texas  
 Primary—Santa Maria, California

**James B. Cannon**  
 Arlington, Texas  
 Primary—Thunderbird No. 1



**Seth B. Caperton, Jr.**  
 Ballinger, Texas  
 Primary—Thunderbird No. 1

**Robert D. Carlstrom**  
 Minneapolis, Minnesota  
 Primary—Twentynine Palms, Calif.

**Frederick W. Carter**  
 Oceanside, California  
 Primary—Hemet, California



Coy C. Casey, Jr.  
Texarkana, Texas  
Primary—Santa Maria, California

James W. Chadwick  
Houston, Texas  
Primary—Santa Maria, California

Walter P. Chambers  
Kelso, Washington  
Primary—Hemet, California



Arthur F. Chance  
Pilot Point, Texas  
Primary—Thunderbird II

Claire P. Chennault  
Waterproof, Louisiana  
Primary—Thunderbird II

Chester Cherrington, Jr.  
Longview, Texas  
Primary—Thunderbird II

Erlo P. Chisholm  
Broken Arrow, Oklahoma  
Primary—Hemet, California



Ernest L. Christensen  
Salt Lake City, Utah  
Primary—Thunderbird No. II

James W. Church  
Dallas, Texas  
Primary—Hemet, California

John H. Clare  
St. Petersburg, Florida  
Primary—Hemet, California  
Squadron Captain



**James K. Clark**  
 Primary—Hemet, California  
 Port Arthur, Texas

**William A. Clark, Jr.**  
 Longview, Texas  
 Primary—Hemet, California  
 First Sergeant

**Robert A. Cobb**  
 Brownsville, Tennessee  
 Primary—Hemet, California



**Otha V. Coke**  
 Harrison, Arkansas  
 Primary—Thunderbird II

**Alfred B. Cook, Jr.**  
 Orange, Texas  
 Primary—Santa Maria, California

**Chandler B. Cook**  
 Urbana, Iowa  
 Primary—Hemet, California

**Clem H. Cook**  
 Houston, Texas  
 Primary—Thunderbird II  
 Supply Officer



**Alton E. Copeland**  
 Houston, Texas  
 Primary—Santa Maria, California

**Frank Coughlin**  
 San Antonio, Texas  
 Primary—Santa Maria, California

**Harold D. Cox**  
 Tulsa, Oklahoma  
 Primary—Thunderbird No. 1  
 Flight A Sergeant



Clayton L. Crane  
Tacoma, Washington  
Primary—Hemet, California

Harry V. Cress  
Atlantic City, New Jersey  
Primary—Hemet, California

James A. Dale  
San Diego, California  
Primary—Hemet, California



Vernor F. Daley  
San Antonio, Texas  
Primary—Santa Maria, California

William T. Dalton  
Chicago, Illinois  
Primary—Thunderbird II

Howard A. Darrin, Jr.  
Los Angeles, California  
Primary—Thunderbird II

Harry N. Davis  
Pasadena, Texas  
Primary—Hemet, California



James W. Davis  
Corpus Christi, Texas  
Primary—Thunderbird II

Dwight G. Day  
San Benito, Texas  
Primary—Santa Maria, California

Edward Joe Demmer  
Tyler, Texas  
Primary—Thunderbird II



**Stephen F. Denis**  
Riverside, California  
Primary—Hemet, California

**Donald J. Derbes**  
Glendale, California  
Primary—Santa Maria, California  
Flight B Lieutenant

**Warner P. Derr**  
Beaumont, Texas  
Primary—Santa Maria, California



**Marcus Dickman**  
Los Angeles, California  
Primary—Hemet, California

**Clyde W. Diffenbaugh**  
San Jose, California  
Primary—Hemet, California  
Flight B. Sergeant

**David M. Difley**  
Pasadena, California  
Primary—Hemet, California

**John W. Dillman**  
Frackville, Pennsylvania  
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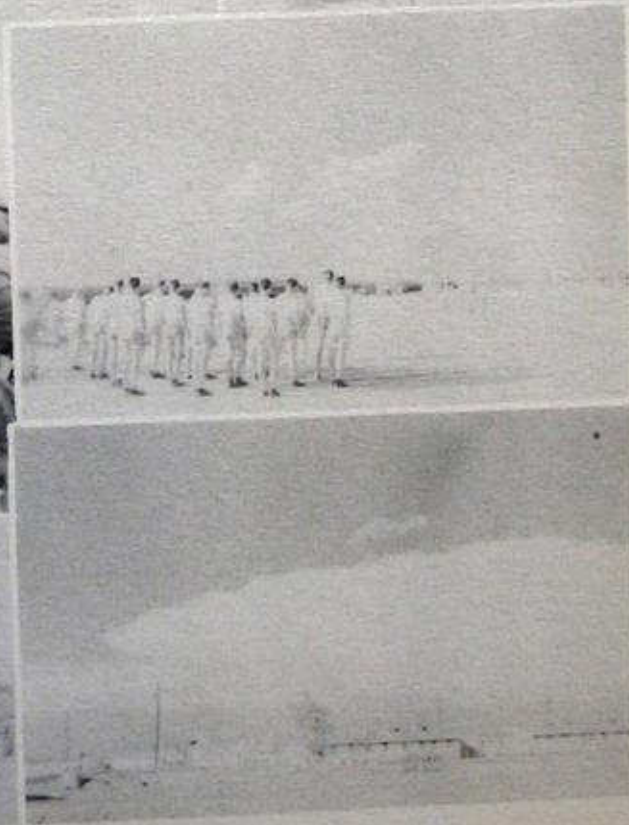
**S. "Doug" Ditto**  
Oakland, California  
Primary—Hemet, California  
Flight A Lieutenant

**John W. Dohm**  
Minneapolis, Minnesota  
Primary—Thunderbird II

**Ralph G. Dromgoole**  
Leesville, Texas  
Primary—Santa Maria, California



Alvar Konigson  
Minneapolis, Minnesota  
Primary—Tucson, Arizona





CAPT. J. J. BOOZER  
Squadron Commander



LT. L. R. LAMBERT  
Flight Commander



LT. A. E. CHARNES  
Flight Commander



LT. G. W. ALGE

(Not Pictured)

LT. R. W. HUNINGTON



LT. F. P. BONIFACE



LT. R. L. McDOWELL



LT. A. J. ROSS



Richard R. H. Dullnig, Jr.  
San Antonio, Texas  
Primary—Hemet, California

Thomas A. Duncan  
Sharon Springs, Kansas  
Primary—Hemet, California

Clifton W. Eccles  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
Primary—Twentynine Palms, Calif.



Harold T. Edwards  
Houston, Texas  
Primary—Hemet, California

Henry V. Eicher  
East Bernard, Texas  
Primary—Santa Maria, California

Kenneth C. Elender  
Port Arthur, Texas  
Primary—Santa Maria, California

David G. Elliott  
San Francisco, California  
Primary—Hemet, California  
Fight A Sergeant



Daniel K. Emerick  
El Monte, California  
Primary—Hemet, California

Rodney G. Erzleben  
Ingleside, Texas  
Primary—Santa Maria, California

Eugene C. Estes  
San Francisco, California  
Primary—Hemet, California



**Cecil Evans**  
 Memphis, Texas  
 Primary—Hemet, California

**James E. Faris**  
 Huntington Park, California  
 Primary—Hemet, California

**Charles V. Faught**  
 Santa Barbara, California  
 Primary—Hemet, California



**Richard C. Finnell**  
 Portland, Oregon  
 Primary—Thunderbird II  
 Torque Editor  
 Flight A Lieutenant

**Charles L. Fish**  
 Phoenix, Arizona  
 Primary—Hemet, California

**Gerard T. Flaherty**  
 San Francisco, California  
 Primary—Hemet, California

**Kenneth S. Fletcher**  
 Salt Lake City, Utah  
 Primary—Thunderbird II



**Charles M. Flood**  
 Waco, Texas  
 Primary—Thunderbird II

**Raymond R. Flowers**  
 Primary—Santa Maria, California  
 Vivian, Louisiana  
 Wing Commander

**Charles J. Fraley**  
 Van Nuys, California  
 Primary—Hemet, California



**William G. Freitag**  
Houston, Texas  
Primary—Thunderbird No. 1

**Robert E. Frisch**  
Buffalo, New York  
Primary—Hemet, California

**Charles A. Frost**  
Pampa, Texas  
Primary—Hemet, California



**Lawrence E. Gaddis**  
Lincoln, Nebraska  
Primary—Hemet, California

**George B. Gaines**  
Lake Charles, Louisiana  
Primary—Hemet, California

**Richard D. Gardner**  
Oakland, California  
Primary—Hemet, California

*Oliver C. Gepner*  
Geary, Oklahoma  
Primary—Hemet, California



**Charles A. Giesen**  
Ida, Louisiana  
Primary—Thunderbird No. 1  
First Sergeant

**Richard J. Gill**  
Salt Lake City, Utah  
Primary—Thunderbird No. 1

**Charles F. Gillette**  
Los Angeles, California  
Primary—Hemet, California  
Flight 8 Sergeant



**LeRoy C. Gobis**  
LaCrosse, Wisconsin  
Primary—Thunderbird No. 1

**Harold R. Goddard**  
Mitchellville, Iowa  
Primary—Hemet, California

**Emil J. B. Goeglein**  
San Antonio, Texas  
Primary—Santa Maria, California



**Robert R. Goldsmith**  
Tulsa, Oklahoma  
Primary—Thunderbird No. 1

**Gregory E. Good**  
Kansas City, Missouri  
Primary—Santa Maria, California

**James H. Goodwin**  
Sweetwater, Oklahoma  
Primary—Thunderbird II

**Slater R. Gordon**  
Florence, Mississippi  
Primary—Santa Maria, California



**Leslie T. Gordy**  
Port Arthur, Texas  
Primary—Thunderbird I  
Squadron Captain

**Wilbert E. Goyke**  
Mount Vernon, New York  
Primary—Thunderbird I

**Louis W. Gragg**  
Shawnee, Oklahoma  
Primary—Hemet, California



**Paul J. Gravel**  
 Primary—Santa Maria, California  
 Alexandria, Louisiana

**James C. Gray**  
 Kansas City, Missouri  
 Primary—Hemet, California

**John H. Greaves**  
 Great Falls, Montana  
 Primary—Hemet, California



**Carl L. Griffis, Jr.**  
 Corpus Christi, Texas  
 Primary—Santa Maria, California

**Richard A. Griffith**  
 Ventura, California  
 Primary—Hemet, California

**Judson H. Griffy, Jr.**  
 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
 Primary—Thunderbird No. 1

**Rufus W. Grisham, Jr.**  
 Abilene, Texas  
 Primary—Santa Maria, California  
 Flight B Lieutenant



**Max Hagemeyer**  
 Carmel, California  
 Primary—Hemet, California

**Harold W. Hall**  
 Eugene, Oregon  
 Primary—Hemet, California

**William W. Hall**  
 Washington, D. C.  
 Primary—Thunderbird 1



Gerald A. Bright  
New York, New York  
Primary—Hemet, California

Ralph L. Jones  
Glendale, Arizona  
Primary—Hemet, California

Duane R. Jordan  
McAlester, Oklahoma  
Primary—Thunderbird I



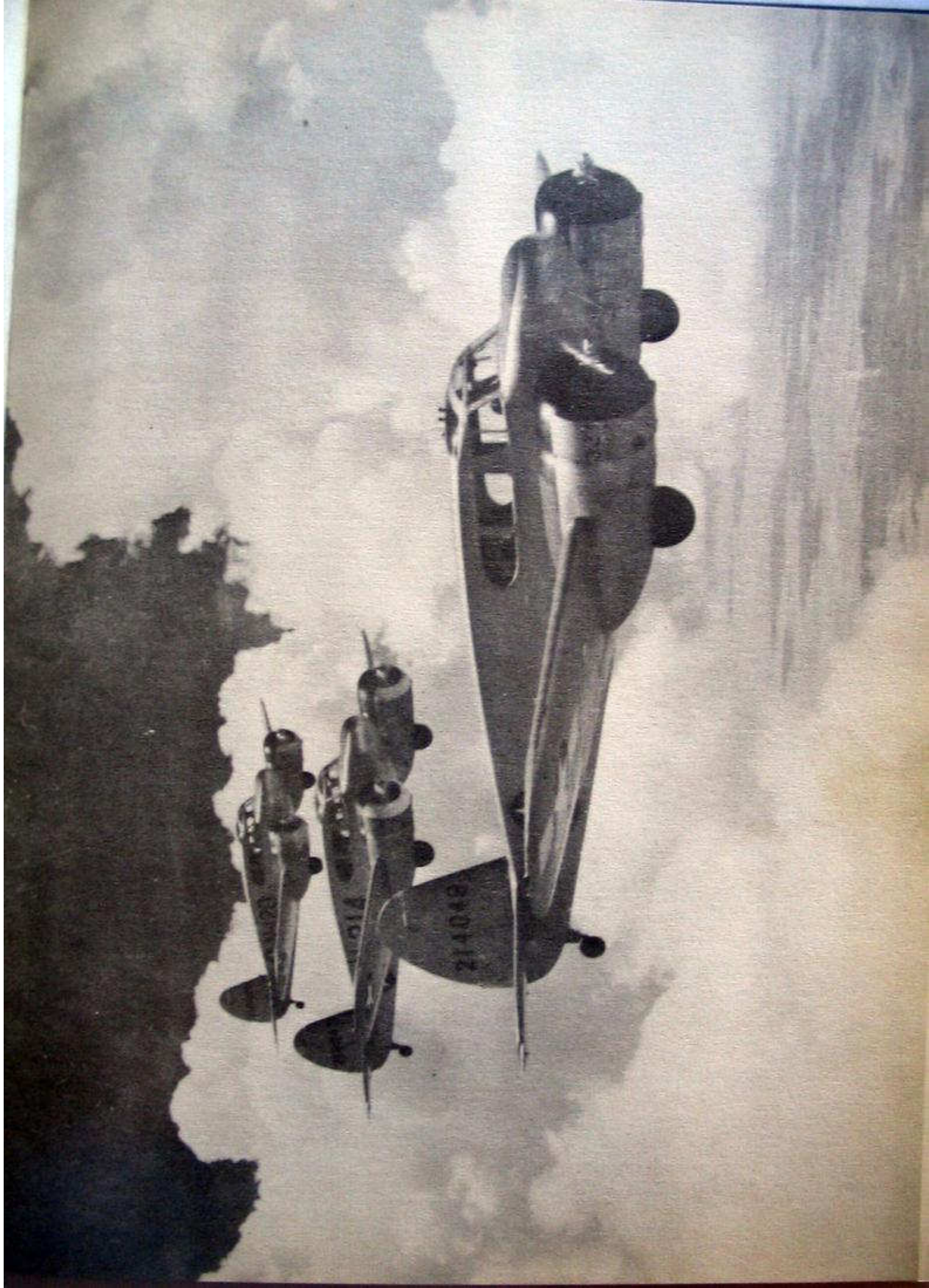
William C. Girard  
West, Texas  
Thunderbird II

James R. Kilgallen  
Boston, Massachusetts  
Primary—Hemet, California

Carl W. Moore  
Vincennes, Indiana  
Primary—Tucson, Arizona

James B. Law  
Darlington, South Carolina

I flew the traffic pattern,  
To me it looked all right.  
I made my final approach,  
Good Lord, I racked it tight.  
The plane began to shake,  
The motor began to wheeze.  
May day, May day, Captain Boozer,  
Spin instructions, please.



# Squadron 12



LT. W. G. COLLINS  
Squadron Commander



LT. L. H. CARROLL  
Flight Commander



LT. J. G. TURNER  
Flight Commander



LT. O. M. HORNER



LT. J. M. ANDRIESEN



LT. R. O. WARD



LT. F. G. PITTS



LT. D. F. LASHBROOK



LT. J. F. HAUSER



LT. H. H. HAWKINS



**John T. Hamner, Jr.**  
San Antonio, Texas  
Primary—Santa Maria, California

**Norris B. Haney**  
Ada, Oklahoma  
Primary—Hemet, California

**Jerry K. Hannaford**  
Austin, Texas  
Primary—Santa Maria, California  
Flight A Lieutenant



**Dale S. Hannah**  
Artesia, New Mexico  
Primary—Santa Maria, California  
Flight A Sergeant

**Donald W. Hardeman**  
San Angelo, Texas  
Primary—Thunderbird I

**Jack C. Hardwick**  
George West, Texas  
Primary—Hemet, California

**Horrace P. Hargis**  
Ft. Worth, Texas  
Primary—Santa Maria, California  
Executive Officer



**James E. Harper**  
San Antonio, Texas  
Primary—Santa Maria, California

**Billy G. Harris**  
Midland, Texas  
Primary—Thunderbird I

**William T. Harris**  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
Primary—Thunderbird I



Herbert C. Harter, Jr.  
Amarillo, Texas  
Primary—Thunderbird II

Edward S. Harvey, Jr.  
Salt Lake City, Utah  
Primary—Thunderbird II

William N. Hatcher  
Albany, Texas  
Primary—Santa Maria, California  
First Sergeant



Julian Heedley  
Goose Creek, Texas  
Primary—Thunderbird No. 1

Glenn A. Hein  
San Antonio, Texas  
Primary—Santa Maria, California

Burlen C. Henline  
West Union, West Virginia  
Primary—Thunderbird No. 1

Paul Henneberry, Jr.  
San Francisco, California  
Primary—Hemet, California



Wallace S. Hickok  
Birchardville, Pennsylvania  
Primary—Thunderbird No. 1

Merion E. Hightower  
Los Angeles, California  
Primary—Hemet, California

James W. Hill  
Streator, Illinois  
Primary—Thunderbird No. 1



Robert C. Hill  
Ft. Worth, Texas  
Primary—Thunderbird No. II

Patrick D. Holland  
Spokane, Washington  
Primary—Hemet, California

Pren G. Hollingsworth  
Norman, Oklahoma  
Primary—Thunderbird No. I



John R. Hiltenbrand  
Seattle, Washington  
Primary—Hemet, California

Earl R. Hoppe  
Abilene, Texas  
Primary—Thunderbird No. II

Glenn L. Horwege  
Sunnyvale, California

Norman E. Houston  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
Primary—Thunderbird I  
Group I Adjutant



John W. Hutchison  
Columbus, Ohio  
Primary—Twentynine Palms, Calif.

George A. Ingram, Jr.  
Orange, Texas  
Primary—Santa Maria, California

Harry A. Inman  
Newark, New York  
Primary—Thunderbird II



**John B. Irick**  
 Prague, Oklahoma  
 Primary—Thunderbird I

**Gerald F. Johnson**  
 Long Beach, California  
 Primary—Hemet, California  
 Flight B Sergeant

**Roy A. Johnson**  
 Makinen, Minnesota  
 Primary—Hemet, California



**Virgil S. Johnson**  
 Malvern, Arkansas  
 Primary—Santa Maria, California

**James H. Jones**  
 Boise, Idaho  
 Primary—Hemet, California

**Thomas H. Jones**  
 Oakland, California  
 Primary—Hemet, California

**William L. Jones**  
 Tulsa, Oklahoma  
 Primary—Thunderbird No. 1  
 Squadron Captain



**Dowell W. Jordan**  
 Carthage, Texas  
 Primary—Thunderbird II

**Clarence F. Jurecki**  
 San Antonio, Texas  
 Primary—Thunderbird II

**Elwood A. Kalland**  
 Tacoma, Washington  
 Primary—Hemet, California



**Joe A. Keepers**  
Aransas Pass, Texas  
Primary—Santa Maria, California

**Thomas F. Kelly**  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Primary—Thunderbird I

**John A. Kempema**  
Worthington, Minnesota  
Primary—Thunderbird II



**Chester A. Kendrick**  
Donna, Texas  
Primary—Thunderbird I  
Flight B Lieutenant

**Ernest V. Kinsey, Jr.**  
Tip, Oklahoma  
Primary—Thunderbird II

**Raymond E. Kline**  
Oakland, California  
Primary—Hemet, California

**Victor N. Knox**  
Birmingham, Alabama  
Primary—Thunderbird I



**Bobby C. Collier**  
Ft. Worth, Texas  
Primary—Thunderbird II

**Phillip L. Day**  
Tulsa, Oklahoma  
Primary—Thunderbird I

**Marshall G. DeBisschop**  
Walnut Creek, California  
Primary—Thunderbird II

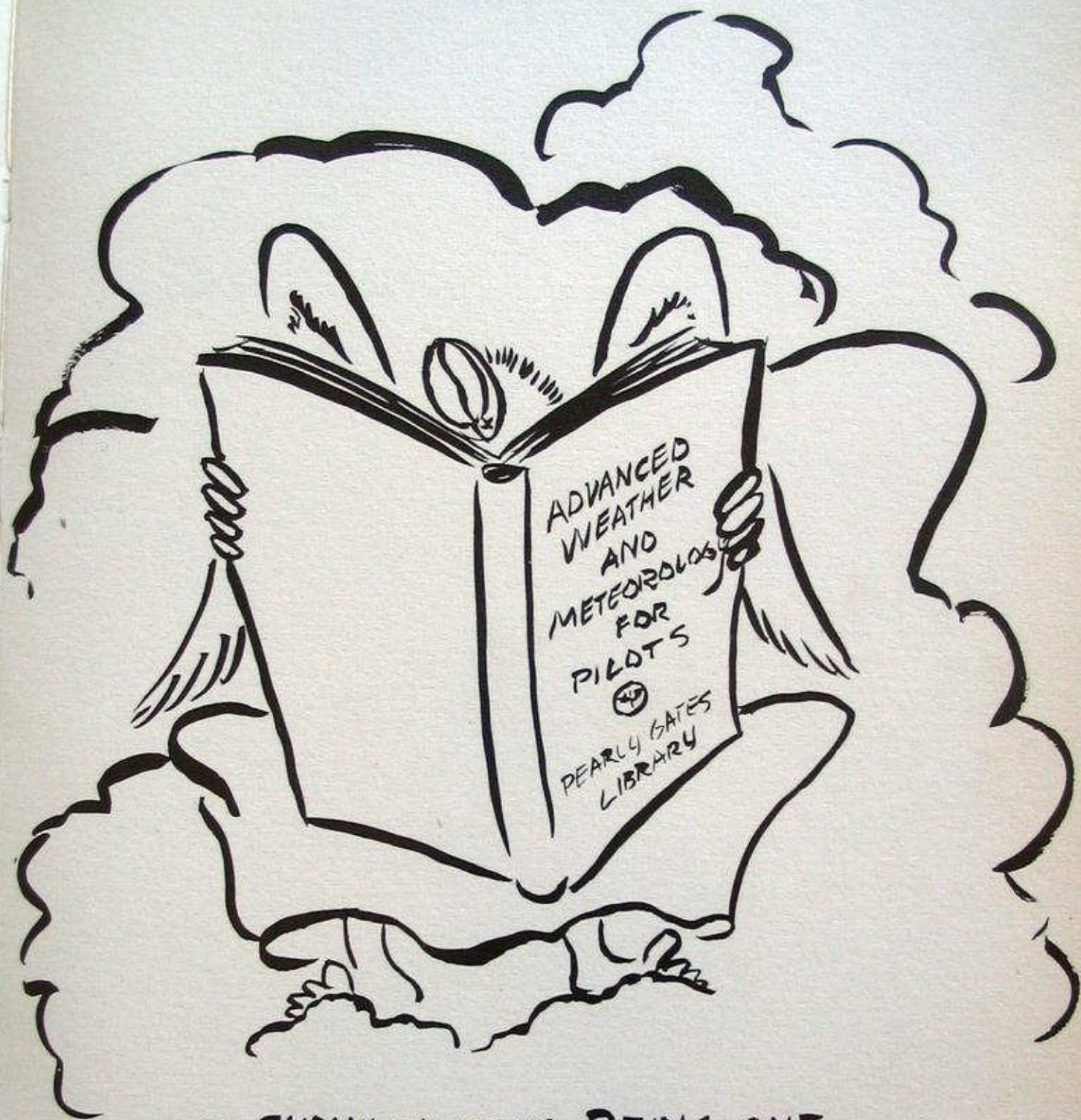


**Leon E. Evans**  
Fountain Hill, Arkansas  
Primary—Santa Maria, California



**Philip P. Philbin**  
Chicago, Illinois  
Primary—Wickenburg, Arizona





— CUMULO NIMBUS, BEING ONE OF THE MAJOR HAZARDS OF FLIGHT, IS EASILY RECOGNIZED BY —

# Student Officers



**Capt. William A. Broomfield**  
Los Angeles, California  
Primary—Hemet, California



**1st Lt. Francis H. Beaugureau**  
Primary—Thunderbird I



**1st Lt. William J. Hunkin, II**  
Cleveland, Ohio  
Primary—Hemet, California



**1st Lt. Harvey W. Hurlbaas**  
Primary—Thunderbird II



**1st Lt. James I. Lark**  
Panama City, Florida  
Primary—Hemet, California



**1st Lt. John W. McConnell**  
Oak Park, Illinois  
Primary—Hemet, California



**1st Lt. Herman F. Reheis**  
Douglass, Kansas  
Primary—Thunderbird I



**1st Lt. James B. Smith**  
Berkley, California  
Primary—Hemet, California



**1st Lt. Jay B. Miller**  
Elmsford, New York

## Student Officers



2nd Lt. Jerome D. Harding  
San Antonio, Texas  
Primary—Hemet, California



2nd Lt. William C. Kilpatrick  
Ennis, Texas  
Primary—Hemet, California



2nd Lt. Philip E. McLennan  
Lawton, Oklahoma  
Primary—Thunderbird II



2nd Lt. Marcellus A. Drago  
Houston, Texas



2nd Lt. Richard H. Brunell  
Riverside, Rhode Island  
Primary—Wickenburg, Arizona



2nd Lt. Raymond N. Nicol  
Glendale, Arizona  
Primary—Thunderbird I



2nd Lt. Bryce A. Ralston  
Glendale, Arizona  
Primary—Thunderbird I



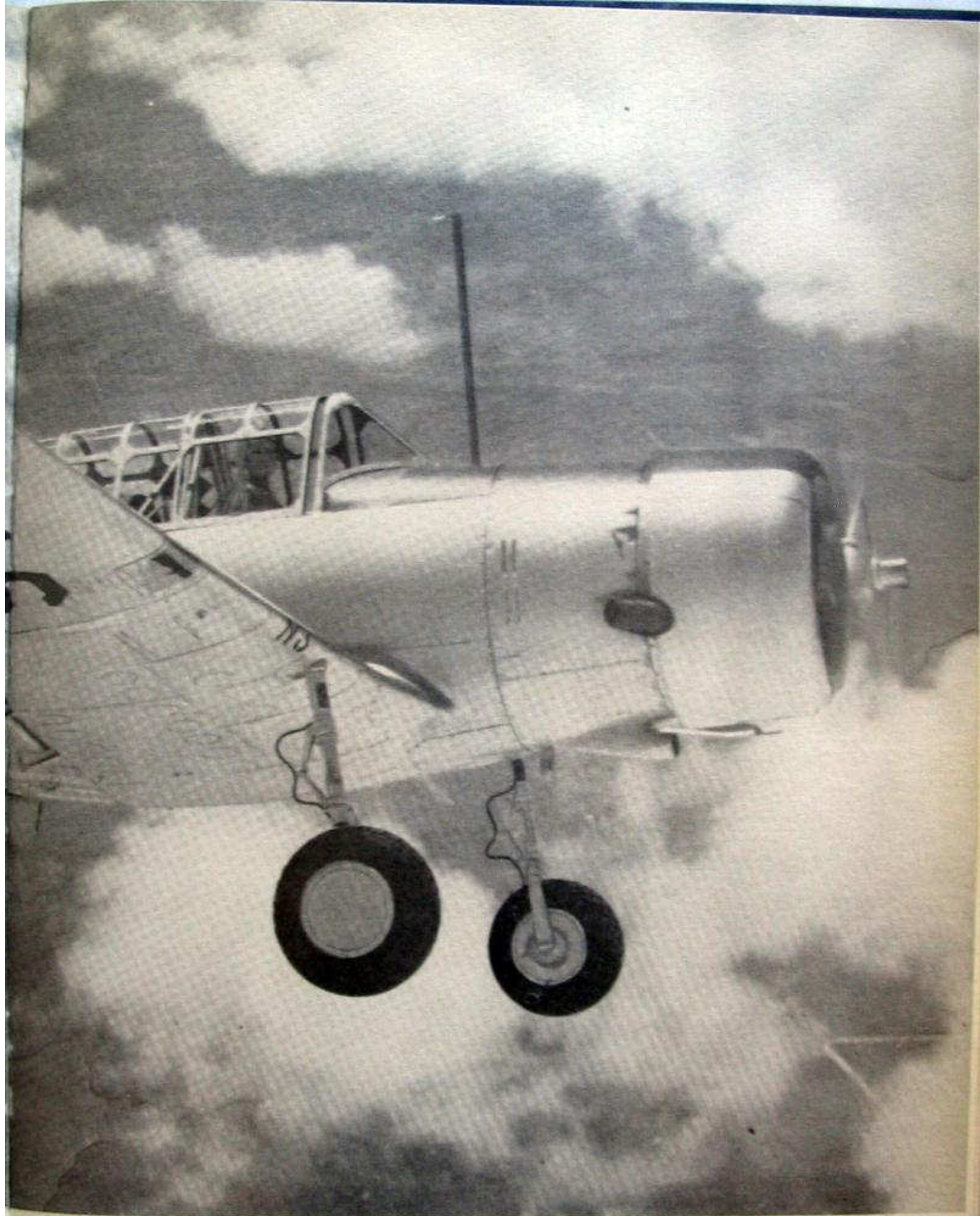
W/O Joe L. Cromer  
Richardson, Texas  
Primary—Thunderbird I



W/O James L. Timon  
Primary—Thunderbird II



Though trails may lead to the day when our right hand grasps four throttles, when we may encompass the Earth with the speed of Mercury; to Lightnings, Flying Fortresses, Bostons, Thunderbolts, Ships of Mars—Yes—even planes of tomor-



row . . . Never to be forgotten, school marm of our first instrument flying, patient victim of our first endeavors at formation, homing pigeon to our initial cross-countries, cradle of night flying, is **The Basic Trainer**.



# Squadron 13

CAPT. T. MATTHEWS  
Squadron Commander



LT. L. F. DAVIS  
Flight Commander



LT. J. F. GEILER  
Flight Commander



LT. G. E. FISHER



LT. V. J. HAYS



LT. R. A. VERPLOEGH



LT. R. B. MARTIN



LT. W. D. PARTRIDGE



LT. W. E. SPENCER



**Wilbur R. Kiger**  
 Primary—Twentynine Palms, Calif.  
 Grafton, West Virginia

**Leo M. Kofler**  
 Chewelah, Washington  
 Primary—Hemet, California

**William H. Kramer**  
 Texas City, Texas  
 Primary—Thunderbird II



**William A. Kruge**  
 Indianapolis, Indiana  
 Primary—Hemet, California

**William G. Kufus**  
 Corpus Christi, Texas  
 Primary—Thunderbird I

**Stephen H. Lakatos**  
 New York, New York  
 Primary—Thunderbird I

**Lee T. Lamoreaux**  
 Pontiac, Michigan  
 Primary—Hemet, California



**Aristo Landers**  
 Lubbock, Texas  
 Primary—Thunderbird I

**Hurley W. Lane**  
 Sand Springs, Oklahoma  
 Primary—Thunderbird No. 1  
 Flight B Sergeant

**George W. LaRose**  
 Easton, Pennsylvania



Robert A. Laurence  
Portland, Oregon

Charles R. Law, Jr.  
Cameron, Texas  
Primary—Hemet, California

Billie B. Layl  
Piggott, Arkansas  
Primary—Thunderbird I



Leslie L. Neadeau

William C. Loague  
Primary—Hemet, California  
Clovis, New Mexico

William J. Lodman  
Moore, Montana  
Primary—Thunderbird II  
Flight A Lieutenant

Henry F. Loesch  
Los Angeles, California  
Primary—Thunderbird II



Arthur Lorentz  
San Francisco, California  
Primary—Hemet, California

John A. Loscutoff  
San Francisco, California  
Primary—Hemet, California

Ira L. Lowe  
Los Angeles, California  
Primary—Thunderbird II



**Lyman L. Lyons**  
 Abbeville, Louisiana  
 Primary—Thunderbird I

**Herbert W. Mackey**  
 Wellston, Oklahoma  
 Primary—Santa Maria, California

**James H. Malarcher**  
 Shreveport, Louisiana  
 Primary—Thunderbird No. 1



**Ronald L. Maley**  
 San Diego, California  
 Primary—Thunderbird No. II  
 Squadron Captain

**Bruce E. Mallery**  
 Pasadena, California  
 Primary—Hemet, California

**Richard W. Manlove**  
 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

**Philip W. Manning**  
 Dallas, Texas  
 Primary—Thunderbird II



**Alvin J. Marks**  
 Corsicana, Texas  
 Primary—Thunderbird II

**Michael E. Marmack**  
 Baden, Pennsylvania  
 Primary—Thunderbird I

**William Marshall**  
 Oakland, California  
 Primary—Hemet, California



**Donald H. Martin**  
Little Rock, Arkansas  
Primary—Thunderbird I



**Francis M. Matney**  
El Paso, Texas  
Thunderbird II  
Flight A Sergeant



**James G. Matthews**  
Elmira, New York



**Orrin W. Matthews**  
Los Angeles, California  
Primary—Hemet, California



**Richard G. McChrystal**  
Primary—Thunderbird II  
San Francisco, California  
Flight B Lieutenant



**Charles W. McClean**  
Tonkawa, Oklahoma  
Primary—Thunderbird I



**Miles B. McDougal, Jr.**  
Caribou, Maine



**Jack D. McDuffy**  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
Primary—Thunderbird II



**Fitzhugh P. McGee**  
Indio, California  
Primary—Hemet, California



**Robert L. McGee**  
Spokane, Washington  
Primary—Hemet, California



George L. McGinniss  
S. Williamsport, Pennsylvania  
Primary—Thunderbird I

John P. McGovern  
San Francisco, California  
Primary—Hemet, California

Allen G. McGuire  
Clarksville, Texas  
Primary—Thunderbird II



John T. McHale, Jr.  
Washington, D. C.  
Primary—Thunderbird I

Billy C. McKinley  
Gainesville, Texas  
Primary—Santa Maria, California

John H. McNeely  
Scotlandville, Louisiana  
Thunderbird I

James L. McWhorter  
Sanford, Florida  
Primary—Thunderbird I



Luin McWilliams, Jr.  
Ballinger, Texas  
Primary—Thunderbird I

Ervin L. Merrill  
Trenton, Utah  
Primary—Hemet, California

Russell V. Meyne  
Cleveland, Ohio  
Primary—Hemet, California



Clair A. Michels  
Plentywood, Montana  
Primary—Thunderbird 1

Robert C. Mickelson  
Portland, Oregon

Burton M. Miller  
Oakland, California  
Primary—Hemet, California





THIS IS TOO MUCH!

# Bamboo Bombers

# Squadron

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LT. H. T. ARTHUR  
Squadron Commander



LT. E. V. LUTZ  
Flight Commander



LT. G. A. FORSYTH  
Flight Commander



LT. J. L. DRUMMY



LT. G. L. ASHLEY



LT. S. R. MILLER



LT. H. W. SWARTFAGER



LT. V. B. NOKES

(Not Pictured)

LT. L. G. MAXFIELD



LT. V. CHRISTOFFERSON



LT. R. A. ERGO



Clarence R. Miller  
Dallas, Texas  
Primary—Thunderbird I  
Squadron Captain

John R. Miller  
Paicines, California  
Primary—Thunderbird II

Robert L. Miller  
Monterey Park, California  
Primary—Hemet, California



Robert Louis Miller  
Los Angeles, California  
Primary—Hemet, California

Bobby D. Mitchell  
Corpus Christi, Texas  
Primary—Thunderbird II

William L. Mode  
Cameron, Texas  
Primary—Thunderbird No. I

Bill A. Montgomery  
Amarillo, Texas  
Primary—Thunderbird II



Paul W. Montgomery  
Bristow, Oklahoma  
Primary—Thunderbird I

John A. Morgan, Jr.  
Duncan, Oklahoma  
Primary—Thunderbird I

Bill Moore  
Pocatello, Idaho



Roy R. Moore  
Fort Smith, Arkansas  
Primary—Thunderbird II

Francis L. Morris  
Clarksville, Arkansas  
Primary—Santa Maria, California

Herbert Muncy  
Glendale, Arizona  
Primary—Thunderbird I



Thomas A. Murphy  
Laurel, Maryland  
Primary—Thunderbird II  
Flight B Sergeant

Wayne Musgrove  
Texarkana, Texas  
Primary—Santa Maria, California

David A. Nordyke, Jr.  
Waco, Texas  
Primary—Thunderbird II

Joseph M. Nuessle  
San Antonio, Texas  
Primary—Thunderbird I  
Flight A Lieutenant



Warren F. Ottinger  
Brooklyn, New York  
Primary—Thunderbird I

Milton H. Page  
West Point, Utah  
Primary—Twentynine Palms, Calif.

James H. Patterson  
New Philadelphia, Ohio  
Primary—Thunderbird I



**William H. Pattison**  
 Ray, Arizona  
 Primary—Twentynine Palms, Calif.

**George O. Patton, Jr.**  
 Waco, Texas  
 Primary—Twentynine Palms, Calif.

**Louis E. Pauling**  
 Allenwood, Pennsylvania  
 Primary—Thunderbird I



**Lawrence J. Payne**  
 Fort Worth, Texas  
 Primary—Thunderbird I  
 First Sergeant

**James B. Pelton**  
 Grand Rapids, Michigan  
 Primary—Twentynine Palms, Calif.

**Albert L. Phalen**  
 Harrisburg, Pennsylvania  
 Primary—Twentynine Palms, Calif.

**Douglas O. Phillips**  
 Dallas, Texas  
 Primary—Thunderbird I



**Robert Pivo**  
 Jamaica, New York  
 Primary—Ryan Field

**John J. Poggi**  
 Hawthorne, New Jersey  
 Primary—Thunderbird II

**William H. Porter**  
 Tampico, Tamaulipas, Mexico  
 Primary—Thunderbird II



**Burl B. Price**  
Amsterdam, Missouri

**Ventress H. Price**  
El Dorado, Arkansas  
Primary—Twentynine Palms, Calif.

**Robert F. Puckett**  
Corpus Christi, Texas  
Primary—Thunderbird II  
Supply Officer



**Randolf S. Railey**

**Oscar A. Rasmussen**  
Seadrift, Texas

**Joseph J. Rattie**  
Mount Airy, North Carolina  
Primary—Twentynine Palms, Calif.

**Irving L. Rawlings**  
Grand Prairie, Texas  
Primary—Thunderbird I



**Leonard S. Ray**  
Canon City, Colorado  
Primary—Twentynine Palms, Calif.

**Curtis G. Reed**  
Los Altos, California  
Primary—Twentynine Palms, Calif.

**Daryl L. Reed**  
Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin  
Primary—Twentynine Palms, Calif.

*lots of  
fun  
for  
Curtis Reed*



Charles A. Reeve  
Denton, Texas  
Primary—Thunderbird I



Gilbert A. Reidland  
Crosby, Texas  
Primary—Thunderbird II



John C. Rennels  
Bryan, Texas  
Primary—Santa Maria, California  
Wing Adjutant

*Good luck  
to happy landings  
John C. Rennels*



Richard D. Reynolds  
White River Jct., Vermont  
Primary—Thunderbird II  
Flight B. Lieutenant



William A. Ripatte  
Lake City, Michigan  
Primary—Twentynine Palms, Calif.

*John A. Ripatte*

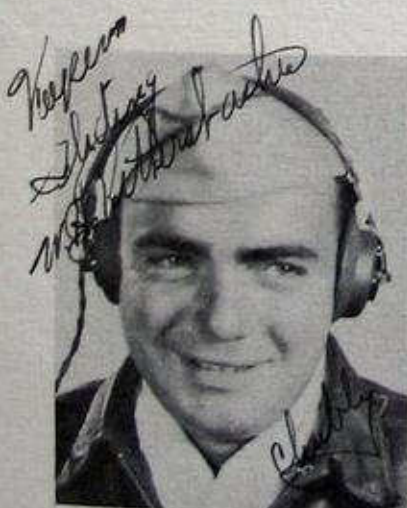


Alvin J. Ripps



Leon A. Risk  
South Gate, California  
Primary—Thunderbird II

*John A. Risk*



William H. Rittersbacher  
Seminole, Oklahoma  
Primary—Twentynine Palms, Calif.

*William H. Rittersbacher*



Harold B. Robertson  
Petersburg, Texas  
Primary—Thunderbird No. 1



Lester W. Robinson  
Los Angeles, California  
Primary—Twentynine Palms, Calif.



Henry D. Mitchell  
Springdale, Arkansas  
Primary—Thunderbird No. 1



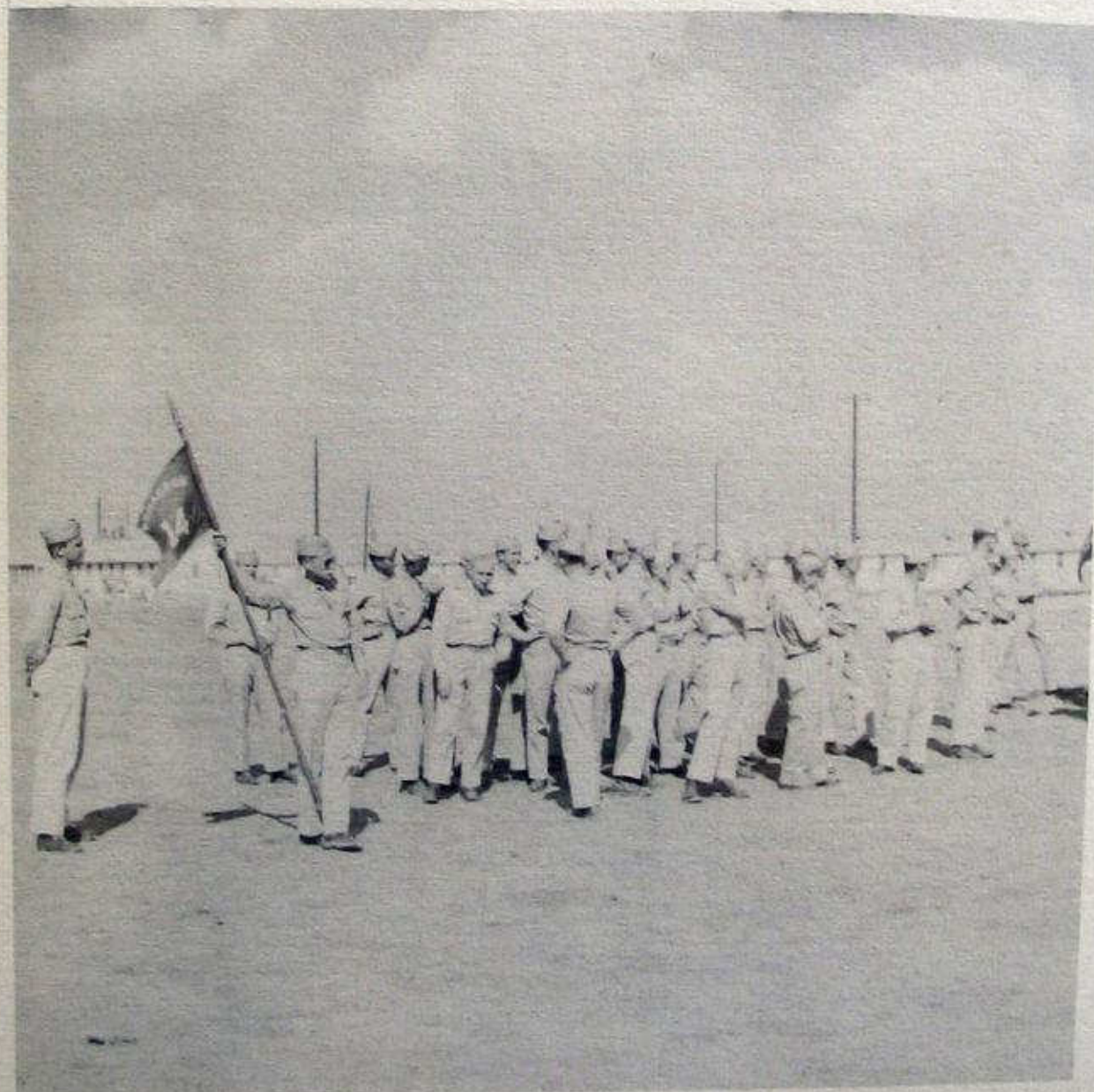
Byron E. Roman  
Salem, Oregon  
Primary—Thunderbird II



Gustave D. Rosenau  
Genesee, Idaho



Howard Rothstein  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Primary—Twentynine Palms, Calif.  
Flight A Sergeant





# Squadron 15

LT. J. SMITH  
Squadron Commander



LT. C. A. BECK  
Flight Commander



LT. M. C. MANLEY  
Flight Commander



LT. J. F. LANZ



LT. E. F. HENDRICKSON



LT. J. F. MILLER



LT. D. H. DOLPH



LT. R. W. MAST

(Not Pictured)

LT. W. S. PENN



LT. C. B. HASKELL



**Robert A. Raymond**  
Moravia, New York  
Primary—Wickenburg, Arizona



**Ernest V. Rountree**  
Jacksonville, Texas  
Primary—Twentynine Palms, Calif.



**Raymond E. Roy**  
Lowell, Massachusetts  
Primary—Twentynine Palms, Calif.



**Elmore F. Ruck**  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
Primary—Thunderbird I



**Harold H. Russell**  
Wilson, Oklahoma  
Primary—Thunderbird I



**Donald A. Sandberg**  
North Fond du Lac, Wisconsin  
Primary—Thunderbird II



**Clifford G. Schillinger**  
Los Angeles, California  
Primary—Thunderbird II



**Donald R. Schrammeck**  
Great Falls, Montana  
Primary—Thunderbird II



**John T. Scott**  
Pharr, Texas  
Primary—Twentynine Palms, Calif.



**Lee L. Scott**  
Phoenix, Arizona  
Primary—Thunderbird II



George K. Sebena  
Butte, Montana  
Primary—Twentynine Palms, Calif.

Anthony L. Sesody  
Barton, Ohio  
Primary—Twentynine Palms, Calif.

Charles L. Shadle  
Ft. Worth, Texas  
Primary—Santa Maria, California



James Shaw  
Los Angeles, California  
Primary—Thunderbird II

John W. Shropshire  
Austin, Texas  
Primary—Thunderbird I

Robert T. Simeral  
Pasadena, California  
Primary—Thunderbird II

Russell H. Simons  
Louisville, Kentucky  
Primary—Santa Maria, California



William B. Simpson  
Winston Salem, North Carolina  
Primary—Thunderbird I

Robert M. Skronal  
Aberdeen, Washington  
Primary—Thunderbird II  
Flight B Sergeant

William E. Slawson  
Phoenix, Arizona  
Primary—Thunderbird II



**Philip D. Sligar**  
Miami, Florida  
Primary—Thunderbird I

**Frank K. Sloan**  
Hollywood, California  
Primary—Thunderbird II  
First Sergeant

**Hugh C. Sloan**  
Yuba City, California  
Primary—Thunderbird II

*Lots of luck all  
the way - Smitty*



**David W. Smith**  
Dallas, Texas  
Primary—Hemet, California

**Earl W. Smith**  
Los Angeles, California  
Primary—Thunderbird II

**Perry T. Smith**  
Santa Ana, California  
Primary—Thunderbird II  
Flight A Lieutenant

**Robert V. Smith**  
Cashmere, Washington  
Primary—Thunderbird II



**Thomas V. Smith**  
Glendale, California  
Primary—Thunderbird II

**Paul M. Snyder**  
Corona, California  
Primary—Thunderbird II

**George W. Sombart, Jr.**  
Boonville, Missouri  
Primary—Thunderbird I



Ronald B. Sorensen  
Oakland, California  
Primary—Thunderbird II

Lauren C. Sperry  
Pond, Creek, Oklahoma  
Primary—Thunderbird II

Edward C. Spieler  
Los Angeles, California  
Primary—Tewnty-nine Palms, Calif.



Roy E. Squyres  
Mineral Wells, Texas

Warren D. Stallings  
Fresno, California  
Primary—Thunderbird No. II

Donald E. St. Clare  
Seattle, Washington  
Primary—Thunderbird II

Thomas L. Steidley  
McAlester, Oklahoma  
Primary—Thunderbird I



James C. Stewart, Jr.  
Dallas, Texas  
Primary—Santa Maria, California

William H. Stewart  
Mattituck, L. I., New York  
Primary—Thunderbird II

Robert W. Stimming  
Newark Valley, New York  
Primary—Twenty-nine Palms, Calif.



*Don Stoddard  
"Smaggy"  
Salinas Band*

Richard L. Stine  
Ogden, Utah  
Thunderbird II  
Group II Commander

Carroll H. Stinson  
Sunnyside, Washington  
Primary—Thunderbird II

Donald Stoddard  
Twin Falls, Idaho  
Primary—Santa Maria, California  
Squadron Captain



Bennie H. Stone  
McGregor, Texas  
Primary—Santa Maria, California

John H. Stone  
Kingsburg, California  
Primary—Thunderbird II

Clarence H. Stout  
Yakima, Washington  
Primary—Thunderbird II

Jean Strobel  
Salinas, California  
Primary—Thunderbird II



*John W. Su'herland*

John W. Su'herland  
Davenport, Iowa  
Primary—Thunderbird I

*Constantine S. Simonoff*

Constantine S. Simonoff  
Los Angeles, California  
Primary—Thunderbird II

*Arthur G. Sylvester  
"Syf"*

Arthur G. Sylvester  
Ogden, Utah  
Primary—Santa Maria, California

*Bill Tankersley*

*Harry Teppen Jr*

*William V. Tischer*

*Good Luck in Advanced*

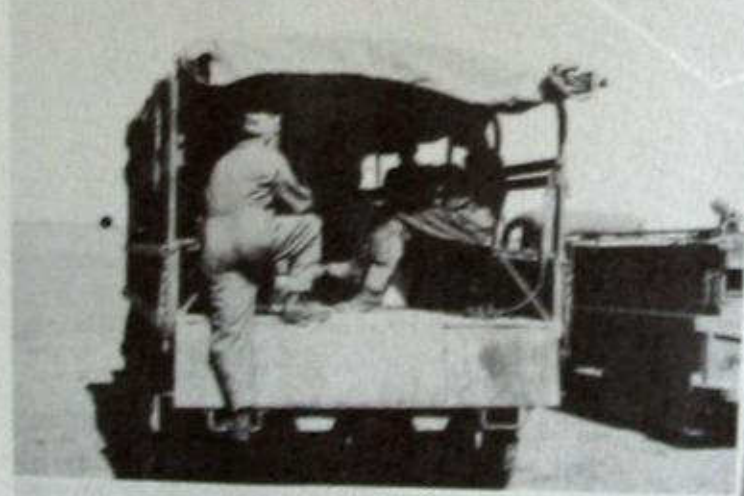


William L. Tankersley  
Los Angeles, California  
Primary—Thunderbird II

J. H. Teppen, Jr.  
San Antonio, Texas  
Primary—Thunderbird II  
Flight B Lieutenant

William V. Tischer  
Los Angeles, California  
Primary—Thunderbird II  
Flight B Sergeant

Jack W. Templin





# Squadron 16

CAPT. L. M. McDONALD  
Squadron Commander



LT. M. F. THEDFORD  
Flight Commander



LT. R. P. MILLER  
Flight Commander



LT. E. S. LAND



LT. W. M. LEE



LT. J. P. TROWBRIDGE



LT. R. L. HARRISON



LT. W. L. HOEFER



LT. H. L. PUCKETT



Robert G. Theiss  
Forest Hills, New York  
Primary—Thunderbird II



*Lyle S. Thomas*  
*Flight A Sergeant*

Lyle S. Thomas  
Hastings, Nebraska  
Primary—Thunderbird II  
Flight A Sergeant



*Charles W. Thompson*  
Tallahassee, Florida  
Primary—Thunderbird II



Charles F. Thompson  
Charlotte, Texas  
Primary—Santa Maria, California



Jack Thompson, Jr.  
Hominy, Oklahoma  
Primary—Thunderbird I



*Robert D. Thompson*  
*"Beakie"*  
Hubbard, Texas  
Primary—Hemet, California  
**SANTA MARIA**



*Vernon D. Thompson*  
Hollywood, California  
Primary—Thunderbird II



Jack M. Thornburg  
Fresno, California  
Primary—Santa Maria, California



*Raymond F. Todd*  
Houston, Texas  
Primary—Santa Maria, California  
Flight A Lieutenant



Wilburn F. Todd  
Waco, Texas  
Primary—Santa Maria, California  
First Sergeant

*Wilburn F. Todd*  
*East of the Sun!*



*May your next check-out  
 find a flat instead of a sword  
 and a straight razor*

*"Big Dog"  
 in person*

William M. Schneider, Jr.  
 Reedsport, Oregon  
 Primary—Wickenburg, Arizona

Armant C. Touchy  
 Lake Charles, Louisiana  
 Primary—Thunderbird II

Marvin E. Traver  
 Denver, Colorado  
 Primary—Twentynine Palms, Calif.

*To Big Dog  
 R/S, Proter*



*Here's to a darn swell  
 guy, will be there for the  
 finish (I hope)*



Eugene S. Trotter  
 Los Angeles, California  
 Primary—Thunderbird II

*Gilbert L. Trussell*  
 Gilbert L. Trussell  
 Round Hill, Virginia  
 Primary—Twentynine Palms, Calif.

Norman R. Tucker  
 Dodge City, Kansas  
 Primary—Twentynine Palms, Calif.

*Harold Turner*  
 Harold Turner  
 Dallas, Texas  
 Primary—Santa Maria, California

*Robert Turner  
 3806 C. 110 St.  
 Seattle, Wash.*

*Robert Uffman  
 Ho.*



*Plenty Much  
 Luck  
 by  
 R.G.  
 Van Antwerp*

Robert J. Turner  
 Seattle, Washington  
 Primary—Twentynine Palms, Calif.

*"See you in 5's"*  
 Robert A. Uffman  
 Houston, Texas  
 Primary—Twentynine Palms, Calif.

Robert G. Van Antwerp  
 Long Beach, California  
 Primary—Twentynine Palms, Calif.



Williard H. Van Eyck

Kenneth B. Viktor  
Middleton, Wisconsin  
Primary—Thunderbird II

Sylvan L. Vilott  
Anaheim, California  
Primary—Twenty-nine Palms, Calif.



Charles C. Walker  
Newberg, Oregon  
Primary—Thunderbird II

Ernest J. Wallace, Jr.  
Mineral Wells, Texas  
Primary—Santa Maria, California

Robert K. Walsh  
Corpus Christi, Texas  
Primary—Thunderbird I

Leo M. Walz  
Detroit Lakes, Minnesota



James B. Ward  
Fort Worth, Texas  
Primary—Santa Maria, California

Don R. Warnberg  
Kingman, Kansas  
Primary—Twenty-nine Palms, Calif.

Lowell Warren  
Tacoma, Washington



**Herold F. Weddington**  
Peoria, Illinois  
Primary—Twentynine Palms, Calif.  
Flight B Sergeant

**Joe Wells**  
Weinert, Texas  
Primary—Thunderbird I

**John F. Wemple**  
Florence, Montana  
Primary—Twentynine Palms, Calif.



**James P. West**  
San Mateo, California  
Thunderbird II

**Chester A. Wheelless**  
Ft. Worth, Texas  
Primary—Twentynine Palms, Calif.

**Miles A. White, Jr.**  
Pasadena, California  
Primary—Thunderbird II

**George H. Williams**  
Renton, Washington  
Primary—Thunderbird II



**Robert D. Williams**  
South Pasadena, California  
Thunderbird II

**Warren Pickard Whitson, Jr.**  
Denton, Texas  
Primary—Thunderbird II

**William A. Williams**  
San Antonio, Texas  
Primary—Thunderbird I



John R. Willis  
West Sand Lake, New Jersey  
Primary—Twentynine Palms, Calif.

Ralph W. Winn  
Linn Grove, Indiana  
Primary—Twentynine Palms, Calif.

Richard E. Winslow  
Allegheny, Pennsylvania



Alphonse Wisniewski  
Toledo, Ohio  
Primary—Twentynine Palms, Calif.

Cyril A. Wittwer

Kelley F. Womack  
Shreveport, Louisiana  
Primary—Thunderbird I

Clyde L. Wren  
Seattle, Washington  
Primary—Thunderbird II



James F. Wright  
Benton Harbor, Michigan  
Primary—Thunderbird I

Arnold G. Wackerman  
Tonowanda, New York  
Primary—Thunderbird I

Clarence H. Young  
Little Rock, Arkansas  
Primary—Thunderbird I  
Squadron Captain



*Ferrer "Duke" Zini  
New Mexico ???*

**Paul L. Young**  
Evansville, Indiana  
Primary—Twentynine Palms, Calif.

**Herbert D. Zapp**  
Houston, Texas  
Primary—Santa Maria, California  
Flight B Lieutenant

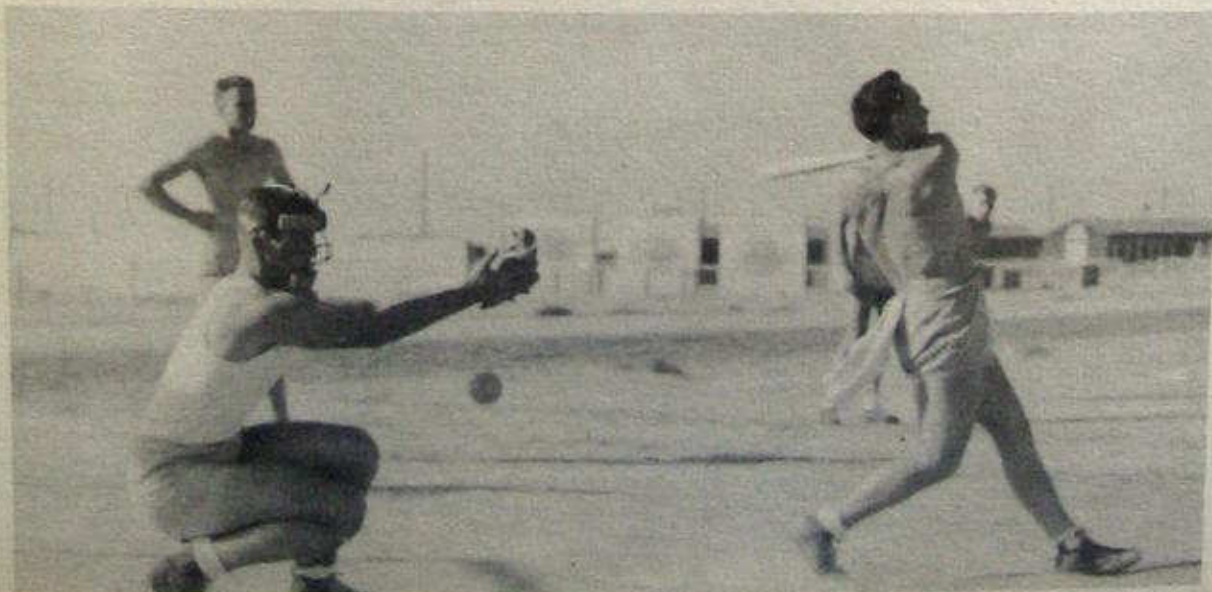
**Ferrer Zini**  
North Little Rock, Arkansas  
Primary—Thunderbird I



**Douglas N. Williams**

**Herbert W. Ballinger**  
Wichita, Kansas  
Primary—Hemet, California

### *A Strike*



ON REPORTING FOR A CHECK RIDE  
OR  
YOU HAVE NO ROOM TO COMPLAIN

By a Flight Commander's Girl Friend

Not a sound is heard in the Squadron Room,  
The place is engulfed in a morbid gloom.  
That F. C. is coming to rack me back,  
He's a red-headed guy with a heart of black.

"Did I see you breathe?" asked he with gold bars,  
"Stop it immediately, and take twenty stars.  
Wipe off that smile and hit a brace,  
Your aerial work is a damn disgrace!

"Your take-offs are sloppy, landings bad,  
You're up for a session with the old Maytag.  
Now give me a ride and it'd better be good,  
Snap into it mister, you're not made of wood.

"Here's the routine, now get on the ball,  
At 2,000 feet I want a power-off stall.  
Take 'er up to 3,000 for a two-turn spin,  
And a sloppy recovery will mean your skin."

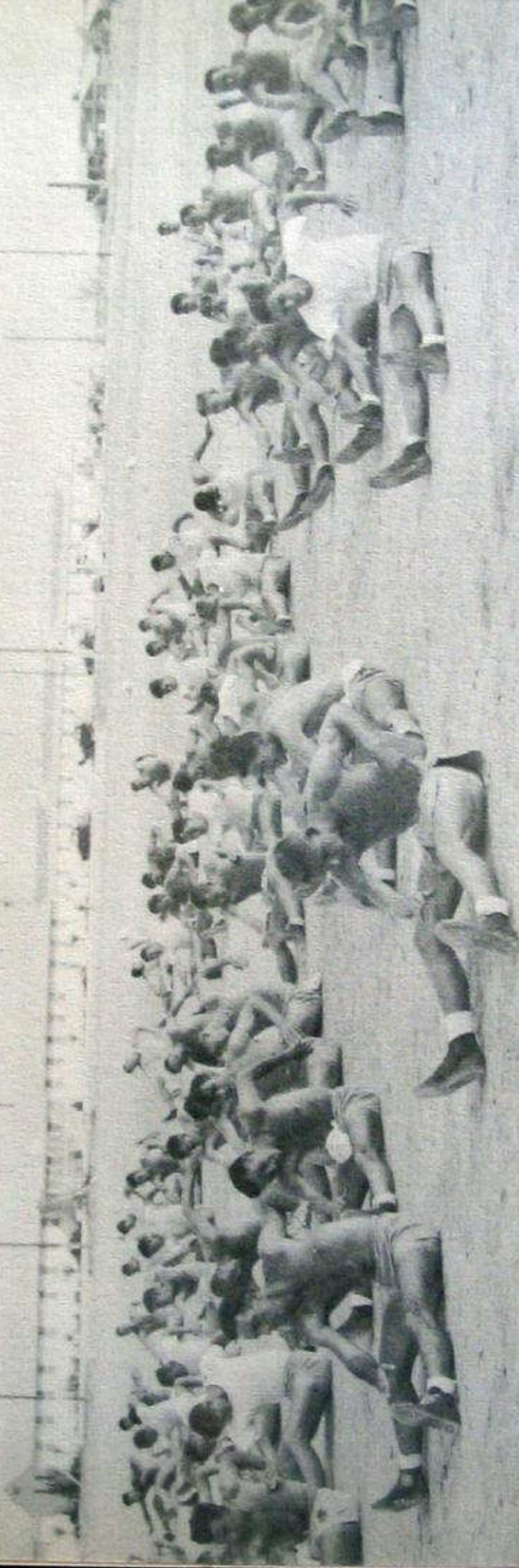
I hope I make it, prayed the desperate Cadet,  
His brow pouring forth in a rainy sweat.  
"That grouchy F. C.'s a belligerent cuss,  
No sense of humor — no pity on us.

"Demerits, check rides, braces and stars,  
It's a hell of a note to be ruled by gold bars.  
I'll bet that Joker stays up all night,  
Thinking up schemes to increase my plight!"

SEQUEL

Don't kid yourself, Mister, You'll survive,  
He forgets all about you at half past five.  
It's not your fate he plots by night,  
He has his own troubles in the silver moonlight!  
By Martha Achee

*"Legs Straight--Touch Your Toes"*



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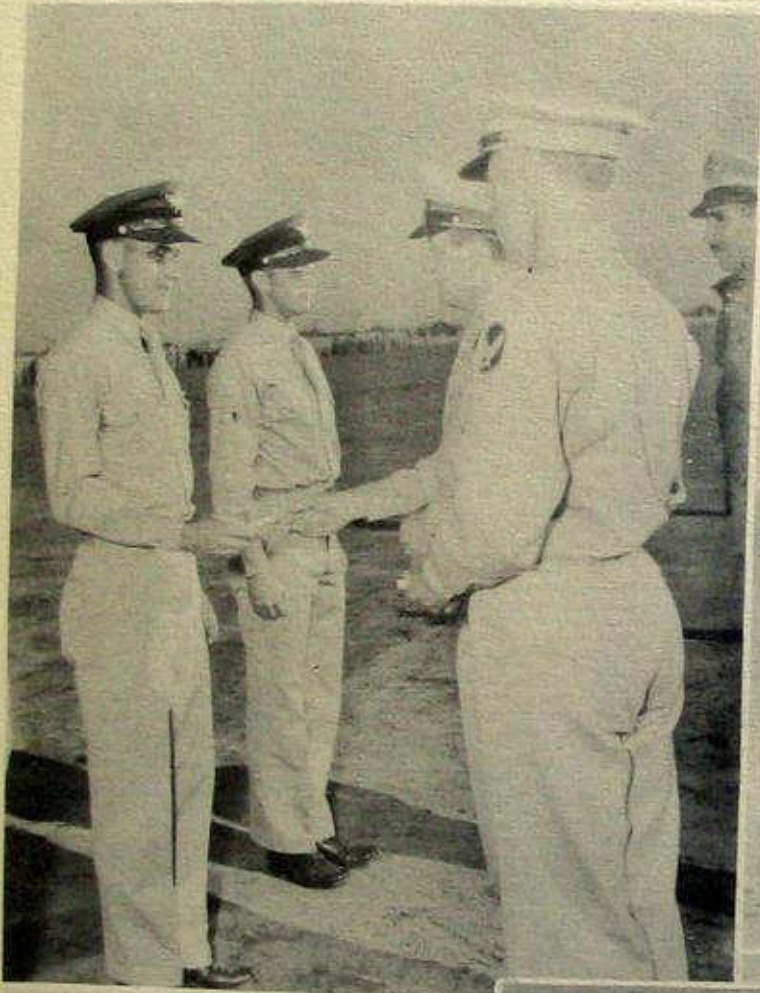


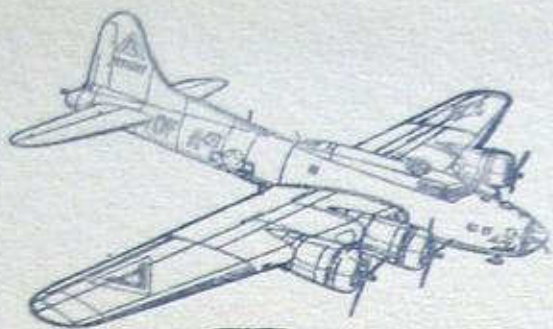
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- AND THOSE  
44-A BOYS TOLD  
ME IT TOOK BOTH  
HANDS TO FLY  
A PLANE!





HE WEARS A PAIR  
OF SILVER WINGS-

## *"To The Nation"*

We, the class of 44-A at Pecos Army Air Field, who have completed our course in basic flying and are going on to the finishing school for pilots at some advanced field, have a feeling of gratitude and indebtedness to the people who made it possible for us to receive our training.

We are therefore determined to prove our value and our ability to carry out the great responsibility with which we have been trusted by the men and women of the nation.

We accept the job of bringing that day of victory ever closer, and in our own hearts dream of the time when the U. S. A. may again enjoy the fruits of a democracy at peace, and we may go back to our loved ones at home.

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