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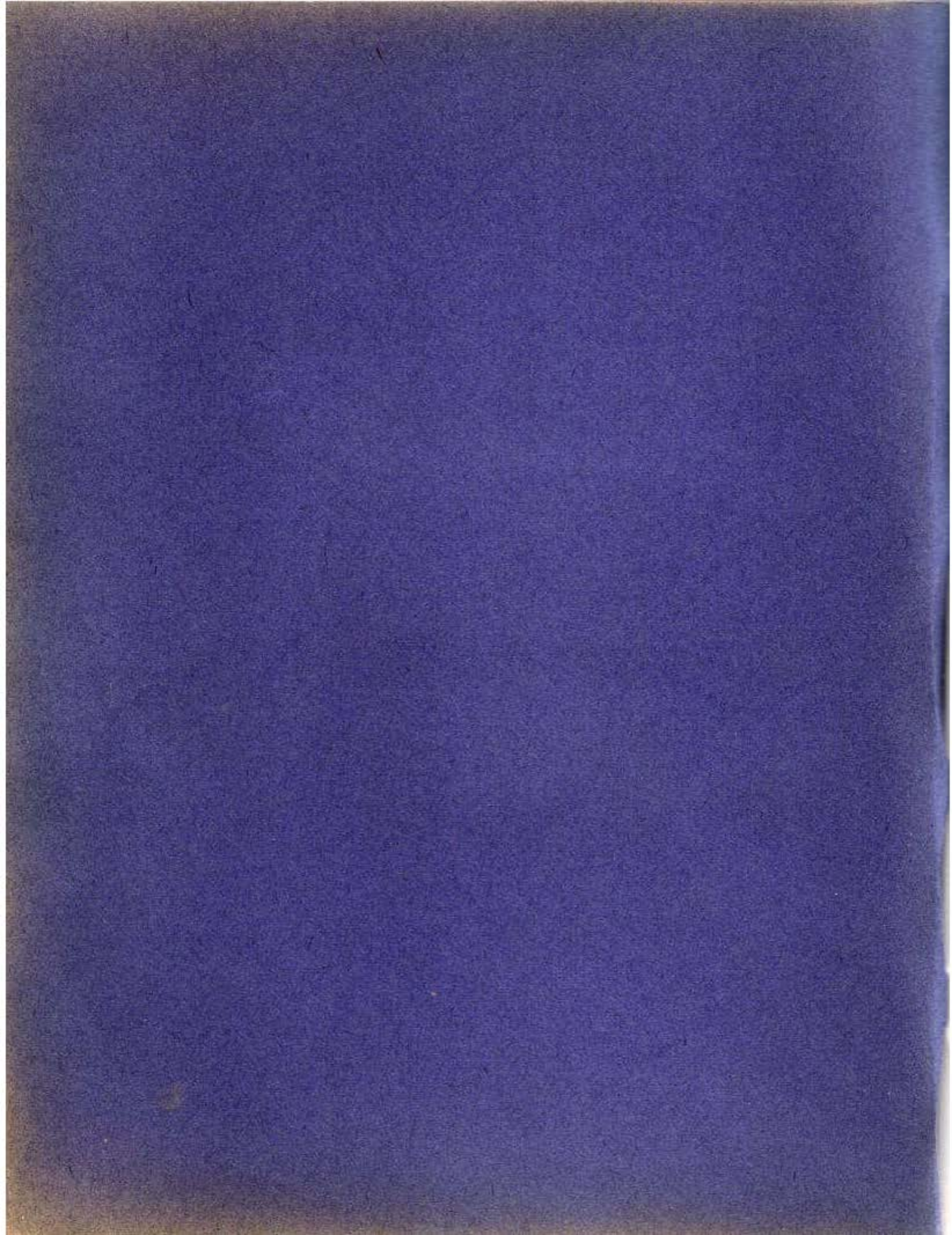
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LIEUTENANT AIR CORPS
ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES



THE COMMANDANT AND STAFF
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LUKE FIELD, PHOENIX, ARIZONA
INVITE YOU TO ATTEND
THE GRADUATION EXERCISES OF
CLASS 43-F
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AT 10:00 A. M., JUNE 22, 1943

PRESENT THIS CARD TO THE GUARD
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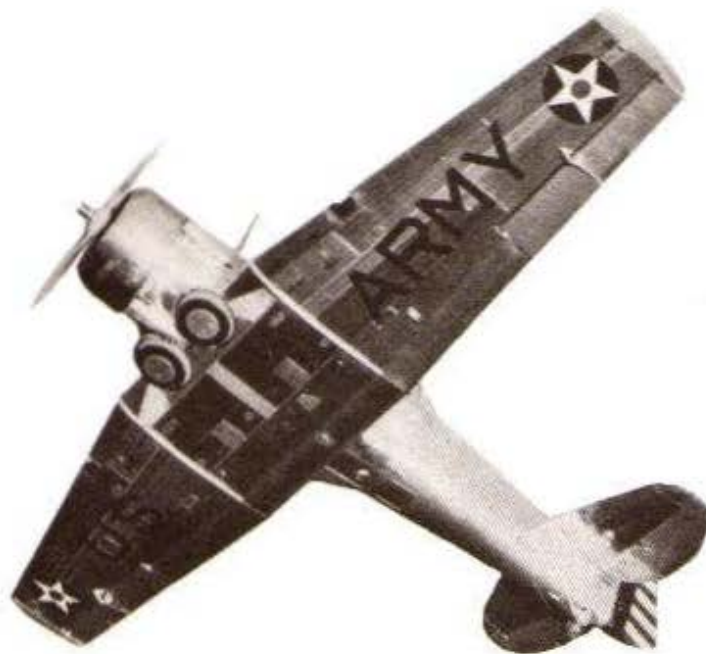


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PHOENIX, ARIZONA

22 June 1943

SUBJECT: Dedication.

TO : Whom it may concern

1. As a final and parting gesture from the Class of 43-F, Luke Field, we have prepared this, our class book, to contain items that will interest and bring back memories of the last phases of our cadet training.

2. To the good that is our America, to the United Nations who are our Allies, to the victory which we will win, and to the peace we shall bring to a democratic world, we dedicate this book.

Class 43-F

Post Administration



Commander of 37th Wing

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CLASS 43-F
LUKE FIELD

BY

BRIGADIER GENERAL A. C. KINCAID, U.S.A.

The Primary and Basic Flying Schools of the Army Air Forces West Coast Training Center at which you received that phase of your training and Luke Field have exerted their utmost efforts to give you the best possible training and to qualify you for the duty of Military Airplane Pilot and the duties and responsibilities of an Officer in the Army Air Forces.

You were carefully selected before being assigned flying training. Particular care was used at the Basic Flying Schools in the selection of students for training at the Single Engine Fighter School, Luke Field.

The Army Air Forces West Coast Training Center is proud of you and knows that you are thoroughly qualified to fly the types of airplanes to which you will be assigned for additional training and is confident that you will be a credit to yourselves, to the Army Air Forces and to your country.



COL. JOHN K. NISSLEY
Post Commander Luke Field



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Director of Training



LT. COL. CLAUDE L. BRIGNALL
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Tactical Officer



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Tactical Officer



LT. H. H. HUGGINS
Tactical Officer



CHARLOTTE



Left to right standing: Sgt. Spann, Pvt. Mounce
McDonald, Staff Sgt. Dotts—Staff Sgt. Norton.

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CAPT. R. L. LEE



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Cadet Book Staff



"We're leaving you this token of a book completely soaking With laments and tears of F class. —'43. We've all been in there pitching, and we've done our share of arguing. We hope our work is what it ought to be"

This motley group has sacrificed free time (?) stayed in nights and has made an honest effort to present to their class a memorable piece of work. Unlike cadet life in general, this work is voluntary, calling upon scant smattering of originality, intuition, and resource usually weeded out of a kingdom of air minded G.I. boys. They worked as a unit, frowning upon one another's contributions and jealously red lining what might have been the makings of a second "Grapes of Wrath."

All hail the staff! All hail class forty-three F. Then take ten stars for not having shaved before your picture was taken"



Cadet Weitzman, Cadet McKinney,
Pfc. Swanson, Cadet Guy.
Seated: Cadet Winters and Lt. George H.
Schaefer, (Advisor)

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CAPT. ALBERT S. KELLY
Executive Officer

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Commanding Officer



LT. GLEN G. ROBINSON
Operations Officer

SQUADRON 12



LT. FREDERICK N. BOYNTON
Commanding Officer



LT. GORDON R. BERLIN
Operations Officer

Squadron 9

Squadron 9 is a collection of the finest of the spare parts to be used in the machine we're building to roll the Axis underfoot. For nine months they've been under pressure calculated to turn out only the best material for the coming conflict. The final product—wings, bars, and all—we present for your inspection.



Attention, pull-eze!



LT. JOHN W. FORTNER
Ord-Aus
Dwight, Illinois



LT. JAMES I. MILLER
Inf-Nes
Huntington, West Va.



DONALD J. ASHPOLE
Thomson, Illinois



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Fayetteville, N. C.



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Union City, Tenn
Ryan - Gardner



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Uvalde, Texas
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DONALD J. FURLONG
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ROBERT B. LOGAN
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Ryan - Gardner



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Ryan - Gardner



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Kent, Ohio
Ryan - Gardner



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Andalusia, Alabama
Oxnard - Minter



THOMAS E. ALLEN
Jackson, Miss.
Oxnard - Minter



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Rankin - Lemore



CARROLL R. ANDERSON
Linden, California
Fl. Stockton - Pece



MINOR H. ANDREWS, JR.
Chicago, Illinois
Eagle Field - Lemore



CHARLES R. APPIER
Huntington, Indiana



ROGER C. ASHLEY
Camden, Arkansas
Oxnard-Murter



BERTRAM ASTROVE
Bronx, New York
Cal Aero - Lancaster



JOHN L. AVERY
Rochester, New York
Thunderbird #2 - Pecca



DAVID V. BAILDON
Venice Center, New York



GEORGE J. BAILEY
Joliet, Illinois



IVAN S. BAILEY
Los Angeles, Calif.
Thunderbird #2 - Pecca



BUFORD O. BAKER
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Visalia - Chico



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Rankin - Lemore





EDWARD P. BALLINGER
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Oxnard-Minter



JOHN W. BANCROFT
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Thunderbird #2 - Pecos



JAMES E. BARLOW
Klamath Falls, Oregon
Oxnard-Minter



EUGENE L. BARNES
Lewiston, Idaho
Oxnard-Minter



ROBERT W. BARRON
Gladstone, Mich.
Cal-Aero - Minter



ROBERT A. BASS
Gary, Indiana
Visalia - Minter



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Philadelphia, Mississippi
Ft. Stockton - Pecos



AARON L. BEARDEN
Houston, Texas
Oxnard-Minter



THOMAS A. BEEMER
Anderson Dam, Idaho
Oxnard-Minter





RICHARD P. BELL
Tuscaloosa, Alabama
Oxnard - Minier



DAREN L. BENBENK
Snyder, Texas
King City - Chico



STANLEY J. BENKOSKI
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Rankin - Lemoore



CLIFFORD C. BERGERSON, JR.
Vernonia, Oregon
Rankin - Lemoore



ELMO H. BERGLUND
Seattle, Wash.
Rankin - Lemoore



WILLIAM C. BIGGERS
Pontiac, Mich.
Fl. Stockton - Petos



BAYARD B. BINGHAM, JR.
Arabi, La.
Santa Maria - Merced



HARLAN B. BIXBY
Emerald, Wisconsin
Santa Maria - Merced



JOHN E. BLAKE
Pocatello, Idaho
Rankin - Lemoore



GERALD E. BLINCO
Niagara Falls, N. Y.
Ryan - Marana



PAUL E. BLOW
Troy, New York
Visalia - Chico



FREDERICK W. BLY
Sacramento, Calif.
Visalia - Chico



DON L. BOATRIGHT
Eldorado, Illinois
Visalia - Chico



JEREMIAH M. BOLAND
Decatur, Ill.
Santa Maria - Marced



WILLIAM L. BOLTON
Belmer, Tennessee
Oxnard-Minter



JEROME W. BOWERS
Birmingham, Ala.



WILLIAM H. BOWERS
Zanesville, Ohio
Visalia - Chico



ROBERT J. McLEAN
Lynn, Mass.
Blythe - Minter



And now we have—



Squadron 10

The capacity of the "DEAD END KIDS" to get into trouble is practically nil when compared to that possessed by those who are exhibited in the following rogue's gallery. But they're a good bunch of fellows and when the time comes, they'll do their part in delivering some special presents—mostly lead—to the places where they'll do the most good.



FRANK C. BOWMAN
Chattanooga, Tenn.
Thunderbird #1 - Marana



ROBERT P. BOYD
Finsleyville, Penn.
Onard-Minter



OREN W. BREIDENTHAL, JR.
Kansas City, Mo.
Thunderbird #2 - Pecos



WILLIAM D. BRASHER, JR.
Waxahachie, Texas
Visalia - Chico



GEORGE H. BRICE
Rochester, N. Y.
Ryan - Marana



BERNARD D. BRIGGS
Snoqualmie Falls, Washington
Oxnard-Minter



HOMER R. BROOKS
Canfield, Ohio
Thunderbird #1 - Marana



FRED BROWN, JR.
Osdale, Calif
Ft. Stockton - Pecos



HAROLD G. BROWN
Hager City, Wisconsin
Cal-Aero - Lancaster



JAMES E. BROWN
Bowling Green, Ky.
Visalia - Chico



JAMES F. BROWN
Winston-Salem, N. C.



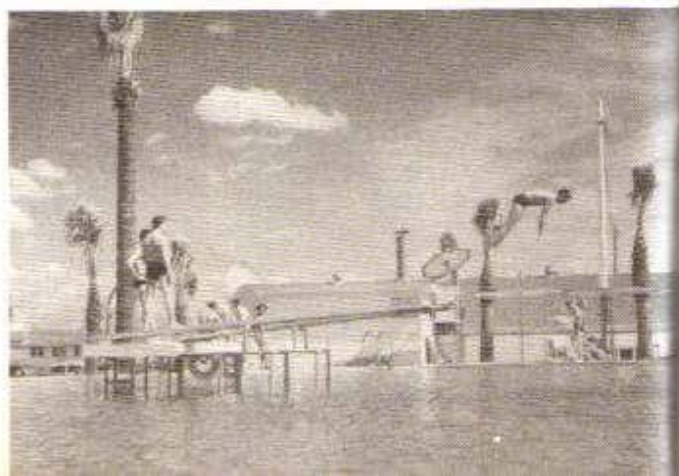
ROBERT W. BROWN, JR.
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Oxnard-Minter



TOMMY A. BUCHANAN
Roswell, New Mexico
Cal-Aero - Lancaster



WILLIAM E. BULLARD, JR.
Van, Texas





JOSEPH M. BUNATA
Pueblo, Colorado
Ft. Stockton - Pecos



LEONORE L. BURCH
Clark Lake, Wisconsin



ROY E. BURGE
San Francisco, Calif.
King City - Chico



PHILIP E. BURK
Grand Junction, Colo.
Ryan - Marana



WILBY N. CALDERWOOD
Irwin, Idaho



DONALD K. CAMDEN
Midland, California
Rankin - Lemoore



EDWARD E. CAMPBELL
Gnaden Hutten, Ohio
Oxnard-Munier



CREIGHTON C. CARLSON
Diamond Butte, Montana
Rankin - Lemoore



CORTLAND L. CARMODY
Ellensburg, Wash.
Rankin - Lemoore



JAMES CARTER, JR.
Downey, California
Fl. Stockton - Pecos



LAWRENCE CASADONT, JR.
Nickerson, Minn.
Dos Palos - Merced



AVERY T. CASHION, JR.
Hickory, N. C.
Santa Maria - Lemoore



ALVIN CAUDLE, JR.
Okmulgee, Okla.
Ryan - Marana



NORBERT W. CHALWICK
Berwyn, Illinois
Ryan - Marana



CLARENCE E. CHAPMAN
Onawa, Iowa
Ryan - Marana



KENNETH E. CHILDS
Orwell, Ohio



ROBERT CHRISTIAN, JR.
Hemet, California
Rankin - Lemoore



CHARLES S. CLAGETT
Bowling Green, Ky
Visalia - Chico



JAMES H. CLARK
Laguna Beach, Calif.
Rankin - Lemoore

I know, Cadet Wasserman, but are you positive?



Sir! Did we hit the cone?



KENNETH N. CLARK
Eureka, Calif.
Oxnard - Gardner



RAYMOND C. CLARK
Plymouth, N. H.
Rankin - Lemoore



RAYMOND E. CLARK
Seneca Falls, New York
Thunderbird #2 - Pecos



STANLEY CLARK, JR.
Tonawanda, N. Y.
Santa Maria - Lemoore



MAYNARD E. CLEGG
Klamath Falls, Ore.



FEODOR CLEMOVITZ
Phoenix, Arizona
Visalia - Chico



STUART E. COBB
Ithaca, N. Y.
Visalia - Minier



ROBERT P. CONLE
Portland, Ore.
Rankin - Lemoore



EUGENE J. COFFEY
Albany, N. Y.
Thunderbird #2 - Pecos



ALTON B. COLE
West Medway, Mass.
Thunderbird #2 - Peconic



CLAYTON H. CONARD
Trenton, N. J.
Thunderbird #1 - Marana



JOSEPH P. CONGELLI
Hornell, N. Y.
Thunderbird #2 - Peconic



GERALD C. COOTS
Buffalo, N. Y.
Fl. Stockton - Peconic



HERBERT G. COTTLE
Dix, Illinois
Visalia - Chico



FRANCIS L. COUNE
Tampa, Florida
Visalia - Chico



MALCOLM M. CUFFEL
Lafayette, Indiana
Fl. Stockton - Peconic



WILLIAM F. CUMMINGS
Mountain View, Missouri
Cal-Aero - Lancaster



HERMAN M. CURTIS
Searport, Maine

A short intermission, gentlemen!



Informal Candida



A cadet major with no gig pin, eh? | Daddie helps me with my buttons, too—



Action picture of the week.



O.K. So we ain't neat!



Glamour in the hashhouse—



Chow hounds



The old army game of grab bag!



Who was that lady I saw you with—?

Squadron 11



These men are Flyers. A year ago they were farmers, clerks, businessmen, students, soldiers. The ancestors of some of them settled on the land a long time ago. Of this they are proud. Some came to the States quite recently. These are also proud that they themselves may become an important part in this fight for freedom that is the very soul of America.



ROBERT L. CUSTER
Manchester Green, Conn.
Thunderbird #1 - Marana



GERALD A. DARROW
Oak Park, Illinois
Ryan - Marana



JOHN W. DAVIES
Newark, N. J.
Col-Aero - Lancaster



LANDON V. DAVIS, JR.
Houlin, Texas
Ryan - Marana



CLYDE J. DEAVERS, JR.
Corpus Christi, Texas



FREDERICK B. DEEDS
Osceola, Nebraska
Oxnard - Gardner



LOUIS A. DEVOS
Pittsburgh, Penn.
Blythe - Minter



CLIFFORD B. DEWITT, JR.
Chicago, Ill.
Ryan - Marana



BERNARD J. DIAMOND
Chicago, Ill.
Col-Aero - Minter



ALBERT DOERIG, JR.
North Bergen, N. J.
Thunderbird #2 - Pecca



VICTOR S. DOROSKI
Calverton, L. I., N. Y.



RALPH H. DOWELL, JR.
Hartford City, Ind.
Oxnard - Gardner



WILLIAM J. DOWNEY
Newark, N. J.
King City - Chico



DONALD V. DRAKE
Emlenton, Penn.
Rankin - Lemoore



MURRAY DRAYER
Brooklyn, N. Y.
Ryan - Marana



LYNN H. DROLLINGER
Spokane, Washington
Oxnard - Gardner



ELMER A. DROLSHAGEN
Detroit, Michigan
Ft. Stockton - Pecca



JAMES J. DUFFY
Woodside, New York, N. Y.





LOUIS D. DU MONTIER
Honolulu, T. H.



JOHN J. DUNBAR
Willard, New York
Thunderbird #2 - Peccos



GEORGE R. DUNCAN
Honolulu, T. H.
Thunderbird #1 - Marans



EDWARD E. DURRANCE
Bartow, Florida
Rankin - Lemore



EARLE K. EASTON
Portland, Oregon
Visalia - Choco



JOSEPH R. EDWARDS
Tacoma, Wash.
Rankin - Lemore



DUNCAN M. ELLIOTT
Greenwich, Conn.
Ryan - Marans



JOHN P. ENGLAND
Minneapolis, Minn.
Thunderbird #2 - Peccos



EDWARD S. EVENSEN
Concrete, Washington
Cal-Aero - Mister





EDWIN M. EVERSOLE
Hazard, Kentucky



BRYCE S. EVERTSON
Kimball, Nebraska
Santa Maria - Lemoore



ROBERT E. FARRINGTON
Metuchen, New Jersey
Rankin - Lemoore



GEORGE J. FASSULIOTIS
Brooklyn, New York
Blythe - Pecos



CARL H. FISCHER
Osborn, Ohio



JACK Y. FISK
Toppenish, Washington
Blythe - Pecos



DINNY J. FORTINAKES
East Moline, Illinois
Thunderbird #2 - Pecos



ARNOLD FREDRICKSON
Pocatello, Idaho
Rankin - Lemoore



JOHN A. GAFFNEY
Philadelphia, Penn.
Eagle Field - Merced



MYLES F. GAHAN
Los Angeles, Calif



PATRICK W. GALLAGHER
Corbin, Kentucky
Ryan - Marana



ROBERT M. GALLOWAY, JR.
Richmond, Indiana



ELGIN V. GATTIS
Longview, Texas



GREENWOOD G. GAY
Pensacola, Fla.
Thunderbird #2 - Minter



JOHN F. GEORGE
Cai-Aero - Lancaster
Fargo, N. D.



GUY F. GILES
Salt Lake City, Utah



ROBERT L. GOELZ
Zanesville, Ohio
Rankin - Lemoore

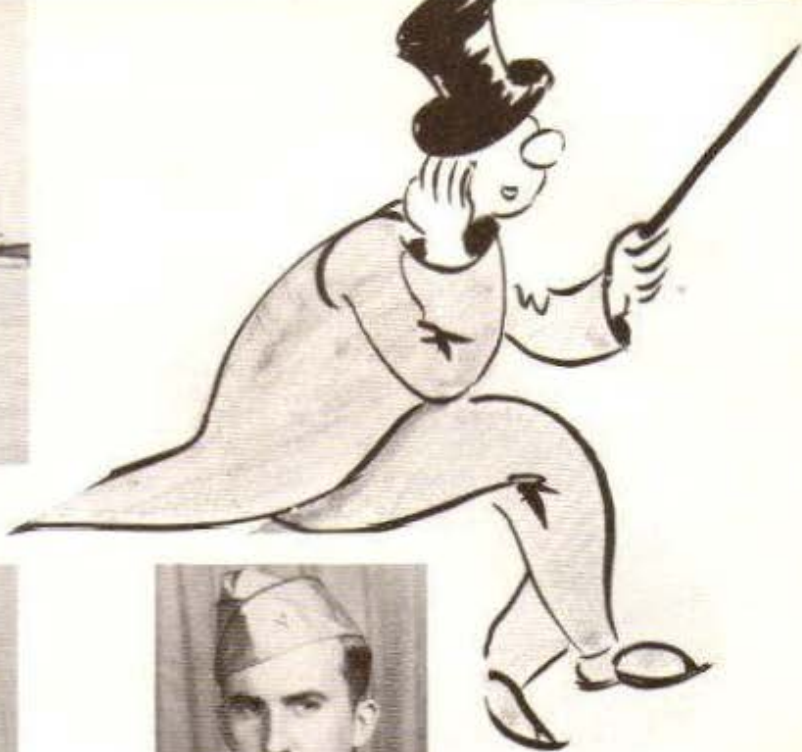


FRANCIS W. GOODREAU
Iron River, Michigan
Thunderbird #2 - Pecos



ELMER E. GOODRICH
Leocompton, Kansas
Rankin - Lemoore





I'll need a rest this time.



HASSELL O. GREEN
New Site, Mississippi



JOHN W. GRIFFIN
Corning, New York
Ryan - Marana



JOHN S. GRONDYKE
Cayuga, Indiana
Thunderbird #1 - Minter



CHARLES L. GURNEY, II
Buffalo, New York
King City - Chico



VICTOR G. GUSTAFSON
Fort Snelling, Minnesota
Thunderbird #1 - Minter



ERNEST P. GUY
Jackson, Tenn.
Ryan - Marana



MICHAEL GUY
Nesquehoning, Penn.
Ryan - Marana



ARNOLD D. HACKBARTH
Waterloo, Iowa
Thunderbird #1 - Marana



WILLIAM H. SHORT
St. Louis, Mo.

Flight Line Candid



—and it doesn't work—



Let's blame that check
on the instruments.



You're gonna overshoot, mister!



Visitor's Day



Just look for a big purple line.



This is the way I would have done it.



—remember—no cactus grows 500 feet tall!

Squadron 12



June 22nd, 1943! Once again a squadron of twelve sallys forth from under the protective fold of the paternal interests at LUKE FIELD. We're not the first to graduate under the numeral—may we carry on the honor and glory displayed by past members of this group. Hail and Farewell!



DAVID R. HAMLIN
Great Bend, Penn.
King City - Chico



J. W. HARALSON
Dallas, Texas
Santa Maria - Lemoore



EARVEL D. HARDWICK
Sayre, Oklahoma
Visalia - Chico



DONALD E. HARDY
Andover, New York
King City - Chico



ELWIN J. HARRIS
Viroqua, Wisconsin
Eagle Field - Merced



THOMAS L. HARRIS
Santa Paula, Calif.
Cal. Aero - Merced



ANTHONY S. HARRISON
New York, N. Y.
King City - Chico



VICTOR E. HARTWIG
Houston, Texas
Blythe - FOCUS



SAM J. HAWKINS
Columbus, Miss.
Cal. Aero - Lancaster



HANSEL C. HAYNES
Brownfield, Texas
Santa Maria - Lemoore



ROBERT M. HEBERLEIN
Portage, Wisconsin
Cal Aero - Lancaster



GEORGE J. HELLMUTH
Washington, D. C.
Ft. Stockton - Pecos



DONALD E. HERRON
Corpus Christi, Texas



FRANK D. HILL
Sheboygan Falls, Wis.
Thunderbird #7 - Pecos



LEE H. HIRSCH, JR.
Pueblo, Colo.
Ryan - Marana



ALFRED W. HODEL
Bayre, Penn.



WILLIAM S. HOLMES
Williamsport, Penn.
Rankin - Lemoore



ALLAN H. HOOVER
Albion, Penn.
Santa Maria - Mercedes



HAROLD F. HOWARD
W. Los Angeles, Calif.
Rankin - Lemoore



HARRY R. HOWELL
Independence, Mo.
Ryan - Gardner





JAMES T. HOWES
State Line, Mass.
Thunderbird #7 - Pecos



GLENN A. HUBBARD
Hayward, Calif.
Blythe - Minter



DELL P. HUDSON
Oakland, Calif.
Blythe - Minter



KENNETH O. HUNT
Atlanta, Illinois
King City - Chico



CYRENIUS P. HUNTER
Gagetown, Michigan
Ft. Stockton - Pecos



CHARLES S. HUSSON
New York, N. Y.
Cal-Aero - Minter



ROBERT N. HUSTED
Greenwich, Conn.
King City - Chico



DAVID E. JACOBS
Seattle, Wash.



KEITH L. JACOBS
Twin Falls, Idaho
Oxnard - Gardner



QUENTIN F. JIVERY
Hibbing, Minn.
Cal-Aero - Lancaster



JOHN E. JOHNSON
Baltimore, Md.
Ft. Stockton - Marana





KEITH E. JOHNSON
Moline, Missouri
Cal-Aero - Lancaster



MERRILL D. JOHNSON
Norristown, Penn
Visalia - Chico



MORTON A. KAMMERLOHR
Hastings, Nebr
Santa Maria - Lemoore



VINCENT B. KARPINSKI
Little Falls, Minn.
Cal-Aero - Minter



RUSSELL T. KAUFMAN
Louisville, Kentucky
Cal-Aero - Lancaster



WILLIAM J. KAUFMAN, JR.
Bronx, New York
Oxnard - Gardner



FRANCIS C. KEENEY
Brooklyn, New York
Cal-Aero - Lancaster



DeWITT T. KELLER
Belton, Texas
King City - Chico



DWIGHT M. KELLY
Monrovia, Calif
Santa Maria - Lemoore





WILLIAM G. KELLY
Montgomery, Ala
Cal-Aero - Lancaster



BRUCE G. KELTZ
Bradford, Penn.
King City - Chico



JERRY A. KENNEDY
Arlington, Texas
Ft. Stockton - Pecos



ROBERT M. KENNEDY
Minneapolis, Minn.
Santa Maria - Lemoore



KARL P. KENYON
Eau Claire, Wisc.
Ryan - Marana



RICHARD D. KERNS
Benicia, California
Thunderbird #1 - Minter



PHILLIP J. KIAMY
Miami, Arizona
Visalia - Lancaster



CARL L. KIESIG
Salt Lake City, Utah
Thunderbird #1 - Minter



ROBERT F. KING
Boston, Mass.
Ft. Stockton - Pecos



ROBERT M. KING
Webster Groves, Mo.
Cal-Aero - Lancaster



JOE P. KIRDAKIS
Cleveland, Ohio
Blythe - Minter



HARRY D. KNUPPEL
Visalia, Calif.
Rankin - Lemore



JOSEPH C. KODAJ
Lyons, Illinois
Cal-Aero - Lancaster



RALPH F. KOENER, JR.
Peoria, Illinois
Ryan - Gardner



DOUGLAS S. BALDWIN
Sidney, New York



CARL M. TRINKLE
Jeffersonville, Indiana
Oxnard - Gardner



K. D. FRANK
Sioux Falls, S. Dak.
Thunderbird #1 - Marsden



I'll dedicate this next page to
a friend of mine—Sir Reginald—

Sir Reginald Raunch II

Once upon a time, back in the roaring bustle days when you and I were only blueprints or a bartender's wink, there dwelt in the humdrum, stagnant world a young blade, who was quite a bit more gay than the usual run. He was a dreamer. All of the peasants knew him as Sir Reginald Raunch I, but those more privileged were permitted the use of his business title, "Raunchy."

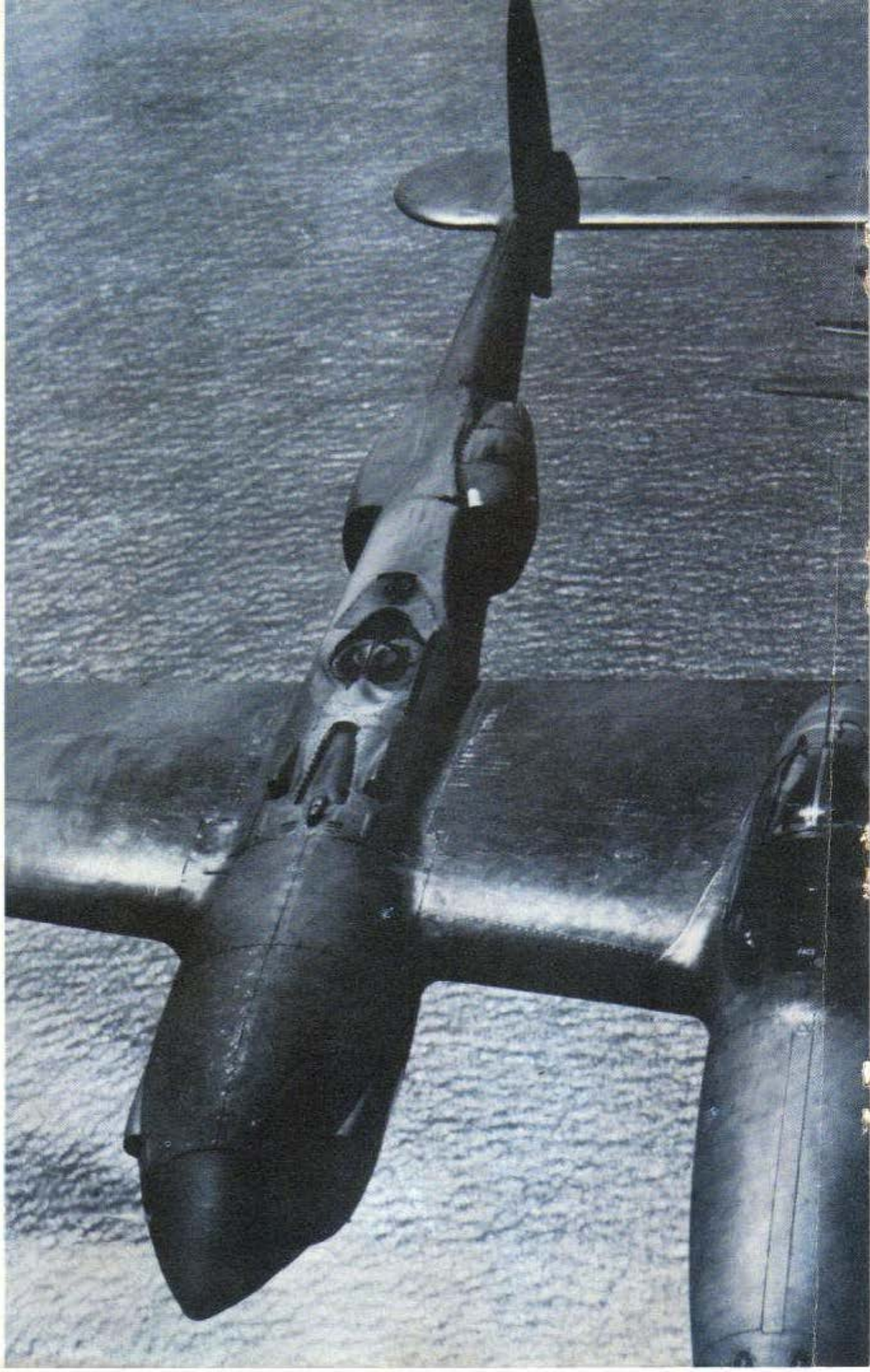
Sir R. R. the first, had big ideas — big plans. While his three brothers and flock of four-F sisters were toiling away in the Estate's winery, he would sipper for hours in the hammock he had rigged up in the library, searching always for an idea that would become "hot copy" and be good for a few G's in the jeans. He had already invented hollow soap (to do away with left over pieces) and black light bulbs (to turn on at noon to produce darkness) and a couple of other zippy jobs that boosted him up a couple of tax brackets. But he wasn't content. He had something sensational in mind and he wasn't going to let a couple of eager beavers like Ben Franklin and Joe Louis steal all of his thunder. He longed to set the pace—to be admired, to be talked about. He had given his time, his money, and even his bathtub to progress. His blood was shipped daily to the bank on a 50% retention basis, and his heart belonged to daddy. All that actually remained to Reginald as far as material wealth was concerned was a wire flower left over from last year's veterans' "Poppy" day.

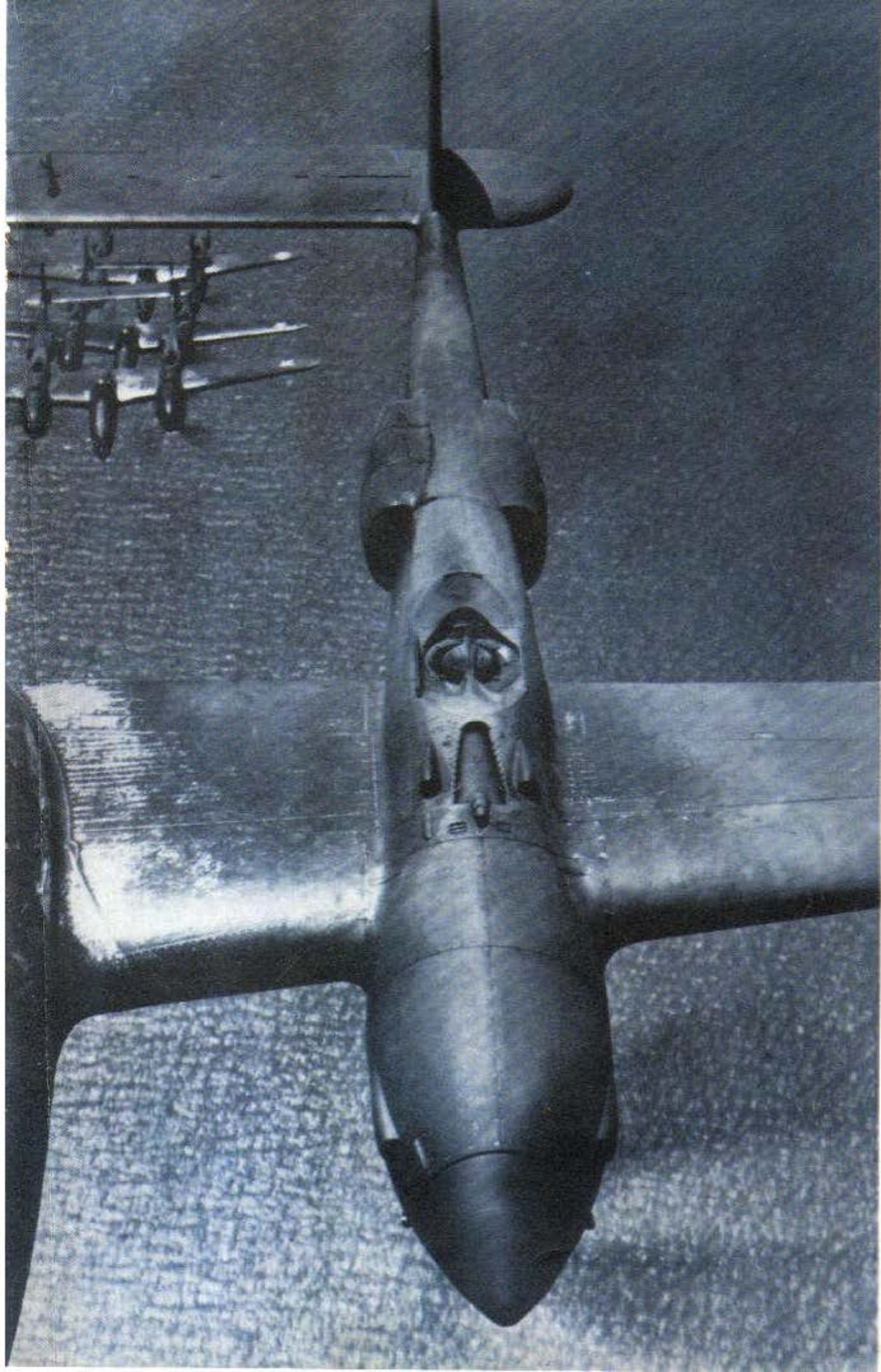
Some sad man had already invented P-51's and what possible fame could there be attached to discovering B-17's?

Sir Reginald was lost . . . not in his hammock but in thought. The poppy couldn't do much, but the name . . . perhaps? And with the dawn of this tremendous brain wave came the changing of history, and the birth of a new type of man. Important people were interviewed . . . contests were staged, but it was only after extensive research that the committee decided to bequeath Sir Reginald's title on those who most dearly deserve it.

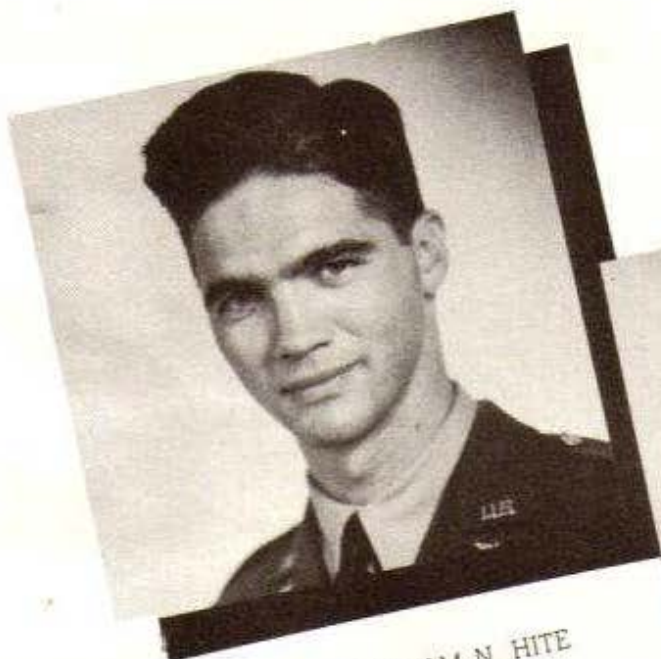
It was with pomp and ceremony that Old R. R. made plans for the erection of the Luke Field Triumphal Arch, bearing in letters of gold, "Through These Portals Pass the RAUNCHIEST Cadets in The World." And even to this day we still may see the men of 43-F sweep to attention when that blessed name is mentioned in their presence.







Group IV



CAPT. WILLIAM N. HITE
Group Commander



CAPT. ROBERT L. MATZ
Executive Officer

SQUADRON 13

SQUADRON 14



LT. JIM P. JOHNSON
Commanding Officer



LT. DAVID C. CAMPBELL
Operations Officer



LT. H. C. SETZER
Commanding Officer



LT. WILLIAM M. AMBURGEY
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Commanding Officer

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Operations Officer



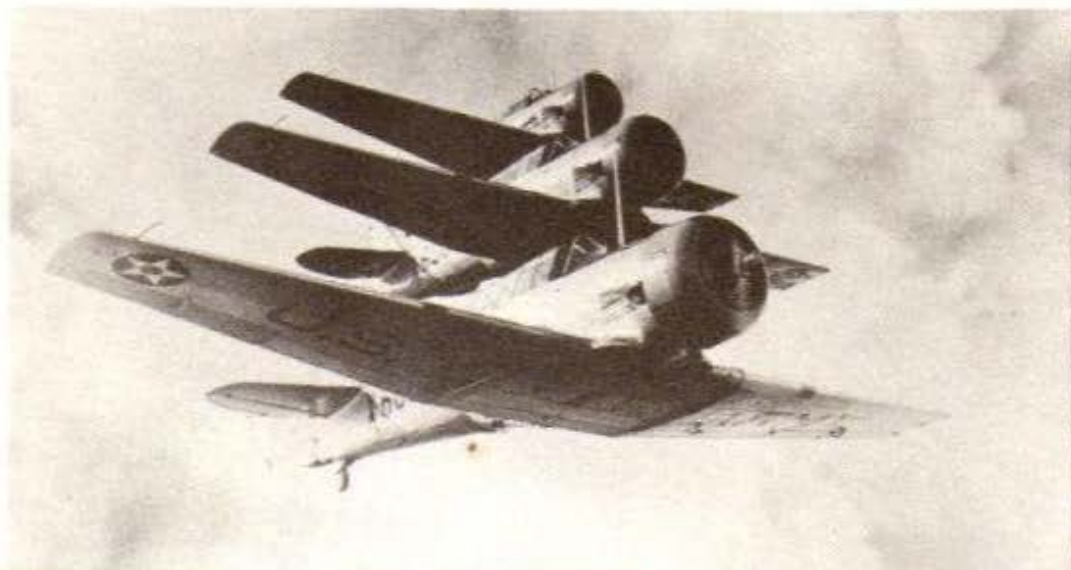
LT. JAMES R. LAWLESS
Commanding Officer



LT. BENJAMIN F. KNAPP
Operations Officer

Squadron 13

OMEGA? Yes, that is to say—Luke Field is but a fond memory. The future holds a wonderful store for us. The beginning of a great adventure. Our dream is to press forward striving to our utmost to realize our dedication to success. Once our moment is at hand we'll be found wide awake and prone to do our sacred duty.



WILLIAM M. KOVALICK
Hazleton, Penn.
Cal-Aero - Lancaster



BURMAN C. KREHBIEL
Latin, Kansas
Vixen - Minter



CHARLES R. KRIMMEL
Webster Groves, Mo.
Rankin - Lemoore



CHARLES F. KUCH, JR.
Gray, Maine
Thunderbird #2 - Pease



ROBERT D. KUNZ
San Francisco, Calif.
Rankin - Lemoore



HARRY E. LAMBERT
Memphis, Tenn.
Santa Maria - Lemoore



JAMES L. LANDIS
Bellefontaine, Ohio
Ft. Stockton - Pecos



CHARLES E. LATURNO, JR.
Harlingen, Texas
Ft. Stockton - Pecos



EDWIN W. LAULO
Big Sandy, Montana
Santa Maria - Lemoore



HAROLD A. LECHER
Wharton, New Jersey
King City - Chico



ROBERT L. LEE
New York City, N. Y.
Thunderbird #2 - Marana



ANTON F. LETKY
Manitowoc, Wisc.
King City - Chico



LEO C. LEGARD
St. Maries, Idaho
Cal Aero - Lancaster



ROBERT F. LERWICK
Astland, Oregon
Ft. Stockton - Pecos





CHARLES H. LEWIS
Fullerton, Calif.
Eagle Field - Merced



DONALD M. LEWIS
Coalinga, Calif.
Ryan - Marana



WALTER F. LEWIS
Reading, Mass.
Fl. Stockton - Pecos



DOMENICK J. LIETO
New York, N. Y.
Eagle Field - Merced



GEORGE LIMENSKY
Manville, N. J.
Eagle Field - Merced



CHARLES C. LINDLEY
Alpine, Texas
Fl. Stockton - Pecos



DON W. LIVESAY
Blackwater, Virginia
Santa Maria - Lemoore



ARTHUR G. LLOYD, JR.
Binghamton, N. Y.
Bythe - Minter



HOLLIE F. LOVYORN
Jefferson City, Mo.
Thunderbird #1 - Minter



HOMER LOWRY
Washington, Iowa
Cal-Aero - Lancaster



HARRY N. LUMSDEN, JR.
Buffalo, N. Y.
Ft. Stockton - Peconic



JAMES W. LYBRAND
Amarillo, Texas
Eagle Field - Merced



HERBERT F. MACY
South Westport, Mass.
Ryan - Merano



DANIEL J. MADIGAN
New York, N. Y.
Cal-Aero - Lancaster



HENRY B. MAHLER
San Antonio, Texas
Thunderbird #1 - Minter



ARTHUR R. MALONE
Quincy, Florida
Thunderbird #1 - Minter



S. E. MALONE
Genoa, Texas
Oxnard - Gardner



LEONARD P. MARCHESE
New York, N. Y.
Eagle Field - Merced





RAY H. MARKS
Charlotte, North Carolina
Visalia - Lancaster



WARREN R. MARSTERS
Westbrook, Maine
Visalia - Lancaster



RODNEY F. MARSTON
Shrewsbury, Mass
King City - Chico



WILLIAM J. MATHE
New Orleans, La
Thunderbird #1 - Mixer



RICHARD E. MATHEWS
Monroeville, Michigan
Thunderbird #1 - Mixer



MELVIN W. MAXAM
Akron, Ohio
Visalia - Lancaster



JOHN E. MAY
Maplewood, N. J.
King City - Chico



ROBERT E. MCCAUGLAND
Compton, Calif.



HARRY D. MCGELLAN
Milwaukee, Wis
King City - Chico



This is the life, who's got a
bottle of scotch—next.



JAMES E. MCCOLLOUGH
Indianapolis, Ind.
Thunderbird #1 - Minter



VICTOR T. MCDONNELL
Minneapolis, Minn.
Ryan - Marans



HOWARD B. MCCORMICK
Melvindale, Mich.
Thunderbird #1 - Minter



RAYMOND T. MCCRORY
Mineral Wells, Mississippi
Thunderbird #2 - Pece



PHILIP A. McDONALD
Baldwin Park, Calif.
Cal-Aero - Merced



GORDON T. MCEACHRON
Los Angeles, Calif.
Cal-Aero - Lancaster



MEREDITH F. MCGEARY
Johnstown, Penn.
Cal-Aero - Minter



ROBERT S. MCGEE
Longview, Texas
Ft. Stockton - Pece



WILBUR E. MCGEE
Centville, Missouri
Cal-Aero - Lancaster

Squadron 14



HARRY N. MCKAIN, JR.
Aurora, Indiana
Rankin - Lemore



WALTER A. MCKINNEY
Santa Cruz, Calif.
Cal-Aero - Lancaster



ROBERT B. McMULLAN
Corcoran, Texas
Ryan - Marana



PAUL N. McMULLEN
Salamanca, New York
King City - Chico

Picture gazers in particular might pay particular attention to the "Frozen Fronts" of the men on these following pages. These are the men of Squadron 14. They're not outstanding, mind you—YET, but if you're ever aspired to reading print takes time to scan an ink

muddled news sheet some few months hence. You'll be sure to find one or two of them mentioned in a communique.

So for now its goodbye—They're off to see the other side—for a mounting tide of success against the enemy.



JAY E. McVEY
Ephrata, Penn.
Ryan - Marana



OTIS J. MICHEL
West Monroe, New York
Eagle Field - Merced



RICHARD D. MILLER
Harrisburg, Penn.
Thunderbird #2 - Focco



WILLIAM C. MILLER
Rachel, West Virginia



RODNEY C. MILLS
Manlius, New York
Rankin - Lemoore



LOUIS A. MONYELLE
Mukwonago, Wis.
Rankin - Lemoore



FRANK C. MOORE
Salt Lake City, Utah
Cal-Aero - Lancaster



HARDIN K. MORROW
Martinez, California
Cal-Aero - Lancaster



LEWIS MOYER, JR.
Portland, Oregon
Ryan - Gardner



WILLIAM G. MOYER
Seneca Falls, New York
King City - Chico



ARTHUR MUNNS, JR.
Rochester, New York
Ryan - Marana



MILES J. MURPHY
Mason City, Iowa
Eagle Field - Merced



RUSSELL F. MURPHY
Parkersburg, West Va.
Ryan - Marana



WILLIAM H. MURRAY
Tampa, Fla.
Santa Maria - Lemoore



VERNON J. MUSGROVE
Brooklyn, N. Y.
King City - Chico



WILKE E. MYERS, JR.
Norwood, Ohio
Thunderbird #1 - Minster



BENEDEKT C. NALEWAJA
Browerville, Minnesota
Blythe - Minter



NEWEL A. NELSON
Mt. Pleasant, Utah
Cal-Aero - Lancaster



SWART H. NELSON
Phoenix, Arizona
Rankin - Lemoore



JOHN W. NEUNDOFFER
Amagansett, New York
Thunderbird #1 - Minter



ROBERT W. NEWBILL
Flint, Michigan
Blythe - Minter



ERNEST L. NICHOLAS
Escondido, Calif.
Santa Marie - Lemoore



EUGENE K. NITSCHKE
Toledo, Ohio
Cal-Aero - Lancaster



VIRGIL B. NOKES
Corsicana, Texas
Eagle Field - Merced



FRANK A. NOLAN
Trenton, N. J.
Blythe - Minter



GEORGE B. NOLAND
Belmont, Mississippi
Cal-Aero - Lancaster



ROBERT P. NORMAN
Norfolk, Va.
King City - Chico



WILLIAM J. NORRIS
Beachwood, New Jersey
Cal-Aero - Lancaster



ROLLAN Q. OLSON
Montevideo, Minnesota
Ryan - Lemore



URANO F. ORTALI
Youngstown, Ohio
Thunderbird #2 - Peccos



NORBERT J. OTTO
Jackson, Michigan
Cal-Aero - Lancaster





THEODORE D. OWINGS
Niota, Illinois



CHARLES E. PACKARD
Lafayette, Ind.
Cal-Aero - Lancaster



HAROLD L. PAIGE
Rochester, N. Y.
Thunderbird #2 - Pecos



LIONEL L. PALMER
Omak, Washington
Cal-Aero - Lancaster



WILLIAM D. PARTRIDGE
Augusta, Ga.
Ryan - Gardier



ROBERT A. PATTERSON, JR.
Havre, Montana
Thunderbird #1 - Mister



ERIC R. PATTON
Addicks, Texas



EDWARD T. PAWLAK
Chicago, Ill.
Visalia - Merced



JOHN L. PECK
Paducah, Kentucky



WILLIAM T. PENN
Fullerton, Maryland
Thunderbird #1 - Mixer



WALLACE C. PENNINGTON
Mobile, Alabama
Ryan - Gardner



HERMAN PETERS
Santa Monica, Calif
Visalia - Merced



GEORGE W. PETERSON
Homewood, Illinois



HARRY M. PETSINGER, JR.
Butler, Penn.
Ryan - Gardner



WILLIAM B. PIESHER
Fort Stockton, Texas
Visalia - Merced



SALVATORE PICOZZI
Providence, R. I.
Ryan - Gardner



JOSEPH F. PIRC
Joliet, Illinois
Cal-Aero - Lancaster



J. E. GEARY
Lawton, Oklahoma
Ryan - Marana

Say! who's got the bottle?
Oh! We have next—



Link Trainer

One group of men who cannot be given too much credit in the developing of rated pilots for Uncle Sam are the instructors in the Link trainers. The number of lives and the value of equipment saved cannot be accurately estimated, but as the war progresses, more and more tactical missions are undertaken in adverse weather—thanks to the Link trainers and the men who run them—these missions can be safely completed.

Theirs is no adventurous task, (nor do they share in any glory, yet they really know what it means to "keep 'em flying". They add that extra quality which distinguishes the "fair weather pilot" from the boys who are able to keep them in the air.

Morning, afternoon, and night the Link trainer instructors are busy teaching cadets and officers the radio range procedures and how to meet bad weather with skill and knowledge.

Who are the cadets who cannot remember their first solo in this modern gadget? Though firmly anchored in concrete, they all had difficulty in simple climbs and glides, and how easily the novice can stall out and spin in! Ah, yes, that was at Basic where the course started. Here at Luke the cadets are started on beam orientation. The code signals were hard on the ears and the nerves at first, and who among the "gadgets" can say he knew just where the cone of silence was all the time? But after a few hours and some excellent instruction the Phoenix beam became a cinch (it says here).

We are forever grateful for those increasingly valuable hours in the instrument eggbeater!



Squadron 15



These few parting words might well be full of sentimental things garnished with polished haioes. Words like this go well with a mob throbbing brass. We're men from every part of this practical community of enjoined states. We'll do our part and more to earn a rightful place in our world of democracy.



MEREDITH W. PLUNKETT, JR.
Lynchburg, Va.
Visalia - Merced



LEONARD A. POLLEY
Bloomington, Ind.
Thunderbird #1 - Minter



CHARLES A. POND
Mobile, Alabama
Cal-Aero - Lancaster



JOHN D. PRATT
Lewiston, Idaho
Rankin - Lemcoe



COMER A. PRESLEY
McKenzie, Alabama
Cal-Aero - Lancaster



RICHARD F. RACE
Rome, New York
Ryan - Marana



EUGENE K. RALPH
Summit, N. J.
King City - Chico



GEORGE L. RECAGNO
Willits, California
Oxnard - Gardner



CHARLES R. REDDIG
Los Angeles, Calif.
Ryan - Gardner



KENDRICK U. REEVES
Charleston, S. C.
Ryan - Marana



JAMES J. REH
Rome, New York



ALBERT W. REINHOLZ
Onalaska, Wisconsin
Cal-Aero - Lancaster



RICHARD H. RENNIE
Santa Barbara, Calif.
Cal-Aero - Lancaster



ROBERT E. RENTSHLER
Mount Pulaski, Illinois
Cal-Aero - Lancaster



FRANK R. RHEUBOTTOM
Green, New York
Ryan - Marana



ANTHONY RICE
Hammononton, New Jersey
Ryan - Marana



EDWARD P. RICE
Rensselaer, New York
Ryan - Marana





CLAUDE J. RILEY
Lakeland, Florida
King City - Chico



HAROLD W. RINGGENBERG
Berkeley, Calif
Eagle Field - Merced



JOHN H. ROBERTS
Bay Village, Ohio
Thunderbird #2 - Pecos



CALVIN V. ROBERTSON
Bella, Mississippi
Cal-Aero - Lancaster



THOMAS E. ROBEY
Bethesda, Maryland
Thunderbird #1 - Minter



JAMES A. ROBSON JR.
Portland, Oregon
Rankin - Leucore





PHILIP J. ROONEY
Richmond Hill, N. Y.
Cal-Aero - Lancaster



LAURENCE F. RORER
Trenton, N. J.
Cal-Aero - Lancaster



RUSSELL M. ROTH
Emporia, Kansas
King City - Chico



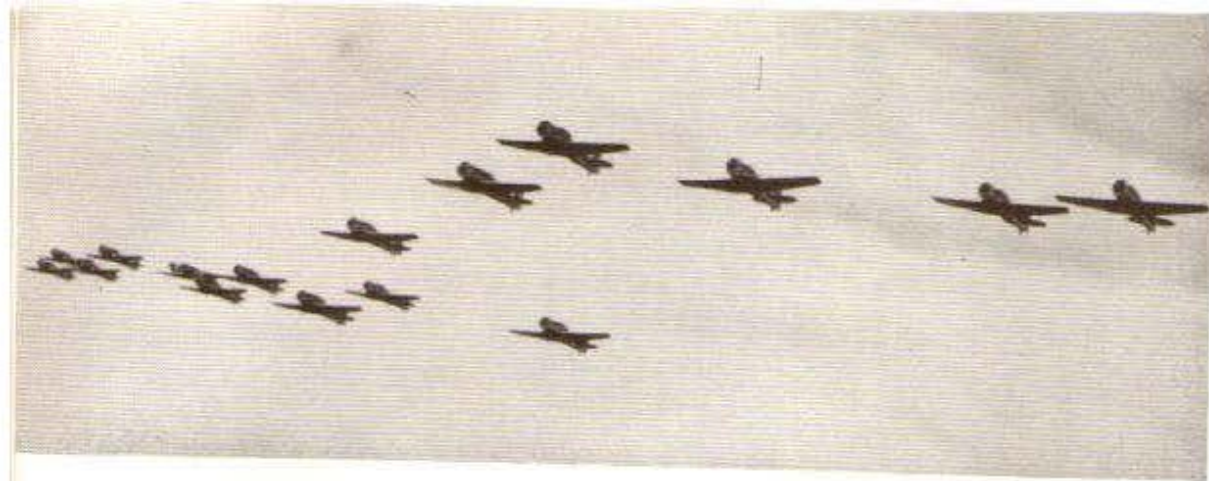
FRANK A. BASSUM
Larchmont, New York



FREDERIC M. RYAN
Lookout Mt., Tenn.



OSCAR C. SAMPSON
Ridgefield Park, N. Y.
Eagle Field - Merced



MORTON SAND
Plainfield, New Jersey
Cal-Aero - Lancaster



CALVIN J. SAVAGE
Coquille, Oregon



RAYMOND E. SCHILLEREF
Dryden, Washington
Ryan - Gardner



JOHN W. SCHMIDT, JR.
Arvada, Colorado
Eagle Field - Merced



KARL J. SCHMIDT
Lemay, Missouri
Thunderbird #1 - Minter



HAROLD E. SCOTT
Wichita, Kansas
King City - Chico



ROYCE E. SHELLABARGER
Oxford, Miss.
Cal-Aero - Lancaster



DOUGLAS ROY SHEPPARD
Virginia, Minn.
Cal-Aero - Lancaster



JACK B. SHREFFLER
Des Moines, Iowa
Thunderbird #2 - Marana



HENRY R. SIKORA
Buffalo, New York
Cal-Aero - Lancaster



JOSEPH J. SLATER
Cohoes, New York
Thunderbird #2 - Marana



CHARLES H. SMITH
Anacortes, Wash.



EARLE P. SMITH, JR.
New Bedford, Mass.
King City - Chico



JEROME S. SMITH
Austin, Texas
Cal-Aero - Lancaster



LLOYD W. SMITH
Greenfield, Iowa
Visalia - Merced



MAURICE H. SMITH
Antlers, Oklahoma
King City - Chico



STANLEY E. SMITH
Decatur, Illinois
Blythe - Mintier



GEOFFREY H. SNOW
Santa Cruz, Calif.
Ryan - Gardner



DWIGHT L. TURNER
Washington, D. C.
Visalia - Merced



LEROY E. HAWKINS, JR.
Pueblo, Colorado
Ryan - Lemoore



Cadet Marriages



Someone has said that marriage is an institution. It is—the oldest known to man. It can grow on you and become a corporation with a president, four or five vice-presidents and maybe a secretary and a treasurer. Marriage is a two-way agreement.—“I take this man”. “I take this woman”. It is a lifetime agreement and it will prove to be the happiest agreement you have ever agreed to agree to.

Don't let anybody tell you that marriage is something to be put off. If you have found the right girl and you love her—marry her. But be sure that when you sign the line on the marriage license for the contracting parties that you are ready to make the trip. You can't afford to have your boat spring a leak after you launch forth on the uncertain seas of matrimony.

Yes, marriage is an institution, a sacred institution. It is ordained of God.

WILBUR R. HENSLEY
Chaplain, 1st Lt.



Squadron 16

While sitting here cooling our "Tour-worn" heels acquired in the line of duty—we'd like to pass on a remark or two. Upon our kind rests the fate of our world. It will be right to remember a well-worn phrase—"Our one thought in all instruction—SUCCESS IN BATTLE!" That's all!



DONALD A. SOENS
Seattle, Washington
Thunderbird #2 - Marana



JAMES I. SOLOMONS
Revere, Mass.
Cal-Aero - Lancaster



EUGENE W. SPANGLER
Queens Village, N. Y.
King City - Chico



WILLIAM A. SPONZILLI
Cincinnati, Ohio
Eagle Field - Merced



JOHN A. STEELE
Fortsmouth, Va.
Ryan - Marana



GEORGE R. STEHL
Flushing, N. Y.
Cal-Aero - Lancaster



WILLIAM W. STENKE
Hayden, Arizona
Visalia - Merced



CURTIS STEWART
Roswell, New Mexico
Eagle Field - Merced



ROBERT N. STORY
Los Angeles, Cal.



ALLAN H. STOTTS
Chicago, Ill.
Visalia - Merced



BURR L. SULLIVAN, JR.
San Antonio, Tex.
Eagle Field - Merced



MAURICE D. SURRATT
Hattiesburg, Miss.
Ryan - Marana



MALCOMB B. SWINLEY
Overbrook, Kansas
Eagle Field - Merced



ELMER B. SWITZER
Indianapolis, Ind.
Thunderbird #1 - Minter



CHARLES L. TAYLOR
Idabel, Okla.
Thunderbird #2 - Marana



JOHN P. TAYLOR
Oneida, New York
Eagle Field - Merced





JOHN H. THEIL
Altadena, Calif.
Blythe - Minter



HAROLD R. THOMAS
Charleston, West Va.
Thunderbird #1 - Minter



WILLIAM H. THOMAS
Ambridge, Penn.
Cal-Aero - Lancaster



PAUL J. THOMPSON, JR.
Meridianville, Alabama
Rankin - Lemoore



WILLIAM TINSMAN, JR.
Lumberville, Penn.
King City - Chico



PHILIP TOPIEL
New York City, N. Y.
Thunderbird #1 - Minter



DONALD W. TORGENSURD
Waukon, Iowa
Ryan - Gardner



JACK V. TRAMMELL
Brookfield, Ill.
Eagle Field - Merced



RALPH J. TYLER
Collinsville, Oklahoma
Rankin - Lemoore



LEONARD H. VANCELETTE
Norwich, Conn.
Ryan - Marana



CHARLIE VAN METER, JR.
Indianapolis, Ind.
Thunderbird #2 - Marana



JOHN A. WADE, JR.
Atlanta, Georgia
Santa Maria - Lemoore



JAMES L. WAGNER
New Castle, Penn.
Rankin - Lemoore



ROBERT C. WALLACE
Livingston, N. J.
Cal-Aero - Lancaster



HENRY L. WARDEN, JR.
Compton, Calif.
Ryan - Pecos



JAMES F. WATSON
Coquille, Oregon
Rankin - Lemoore



RODNEY P. WATSON
Modesto, Calif.
Blythe - Minter



JAMES A. WATTS
Bluefield, West Va.
King Cay - Chico





SOLOMON WEIZMAN
Bronx, N. Y.



JOHN R. WELDON, JR.
Lindsay, Calif.
Thunderbird #2 - Marene



THOMAS R. WELSH
Grayling, Mich.
Santa Maria - Lemoore



HARRY L. WERTHMULLER
Maplewood, Missouri
Cal-Aero - Lancaster



JOHN S. WHITE
Nampa, Idaho
Blythe - Minter



JOHN B. WHITLEY, JR.
Wingate, North Carolina
Eagle Field - Merced



WILLIAM L. WHITNEY
Norwich, New York
King City - Chico



RODERICK G. WILCOX
Crossett, Arkansas
Rye



JOHN H. WILLIAMS, JR.
Stroudsburg, Penn.
King City - Chico



CLARENCE D. WILSON
Pasadena, Calif
Ft. Stockton - Pecos



KENNETH D. WILSON
Minneapolis, Minn.
Ryan - Gardner



LANGDON H. WILSON
Abbeville, South Carolina
Elythe - Minter



MELBOURNE J. WILSON
Madison, Wisconsin
Visalia - Minter



ROBERT D. WINKLER
Stamford, Conn.
Elythe - Minter



DANA S. WINTERS
Puebla, Calif.



IRWIN H. WOLTER
Honolulu, T. H.
Eagle Field - Merced



JOHN H. ZECH
Westerville, Ohio
Eagle Field - Lemoore

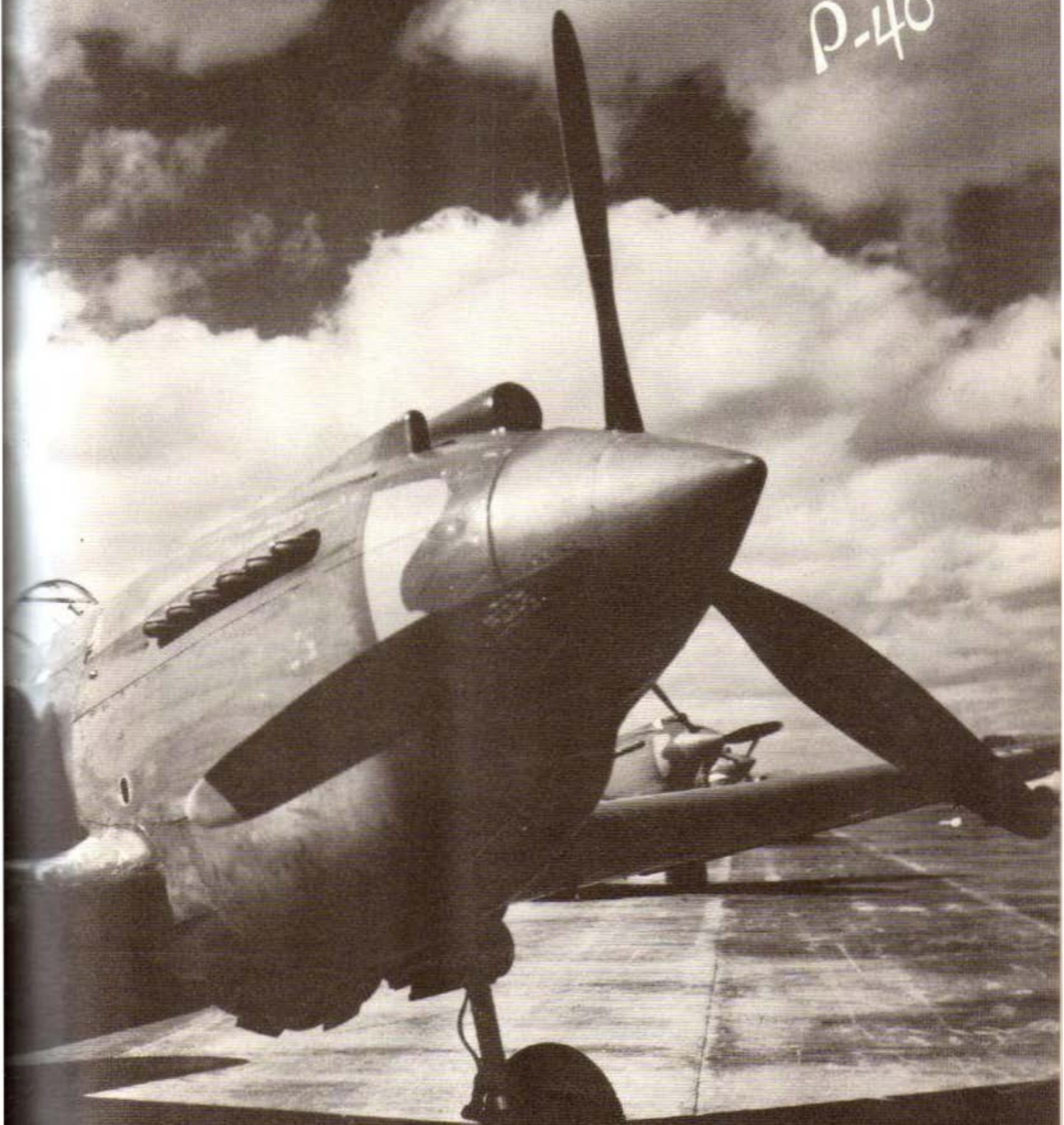


CHARLES R. EMERY
Dearborn, Michigan
Oxnard - Gardner

Hic! On the ball!



P-40



P-40

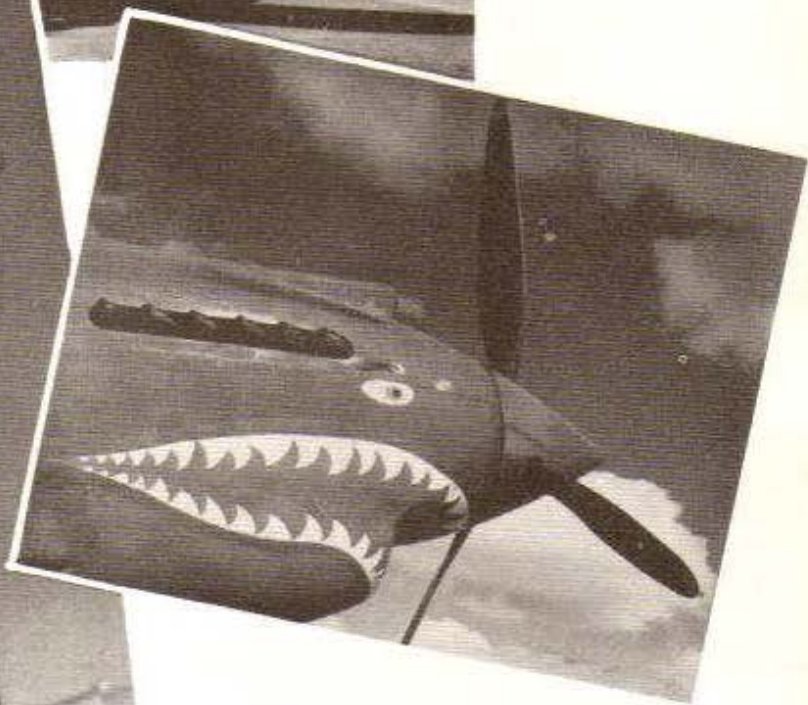
Picture yourself stranded in some Sultan's humble palace surrounded by a bevy of charm and beauty which devotes itself to your pleasure. Just imagine yourself in such a 'FIX!' you're the most important Joe there, kind of the top bean. Well then, take any Cadet who, just five months out of Santa Ana who, according to certain people has worn his flight suit correctly under a gig pin and was fortunate enough to shoot a back seat without causing too much disturbance in that front seat: just place him in the 'pit of a '40 and watch his makeup change. A moonstruck cow has nothing on this creature's expression. This star laden soul has just passed into a condition far beyond that of the wimmin studded position this pen first scratched on this heah piece of paper.

And so an eager group of brace straightened cadets reported almost a double time to the O.T.U. to be taken by the hand and explained just how a P-40 would act under their guidance. This Cadet Deb' also learned that any self styled H. P. could actually enjoy a ride in one of these ships. They come complete with engine, wheels and controls. The main feature, probably the most immediate outstanding thing about this ship is that it has only one seat. No interphone connections, nobody to tell you things that go with a dual ride.

Then the crowd followed several of their own cut to the line where, after a few instructions the 'Top Beans' were on their own ready to take off. Here was the biggest thrill of all. History was being made. Several of the more honorable ones tell of their experience: "It beat my first solo"; another heard to say "All I could think of was right rudder"; still one more exclaimed "I was in a trance for five minutes after take off. I finally got the wheels up tho." Others said just: "Whatta ship - Whatta ship, lemme at 'em!"

Soon the first hour was past and all concerned were able to sit back and actually think of what they had done in the air. Some even went so far as to extoll their prowess to the lesser of the tribe R.E. the under class et. al. On the line air work was typified by the remark "Jeeps guys, I kin really fly the thing, oney lost three hunerd feet in a steep turn today." You can see the boys enjoyed their flying. Some probably owe their existence to those walk-king encyclopedias, our own O.T.U. instructors. Without their help in the ready room and on the control — remember? — As Joe Oddball comes sweeping in an attempted landing and manages to get into some unusual position, the control says: (gently—at first), right brake, right brake—T-H-E-N—**RIGHT BRAKE** * % !! * etc. Mister, a man has just saved your neck, believe me.

All of us though, feel deeply indebted to our instructors and all concerned for being so patient and considerate. To them we say, thanx a million—for ourselves—nuts! who wants a harem!



Gunnery



... four long weeks our ground school instructors had talked of two radii lead, bullet drop, synchronization, harmonization, and deflection shooting ... four long weeks of fitful sleep, disturbed only by nightmares of an aerial target that couldn't be hit. And then it happened. We were forcefully awakened and shipped out of the United States for nine days of foreign service at Ajo and Gila Bend, to put to practical use our knowledge of gunnery. To give the expedition a good start, our instructors fired for two days, and in the process of running up some high scores, they shattered the ground targets and riddled the aerial targets, "just to show that it could be done."

And so starts a sad tale. For a week we fought the AT 6's, rough air, a dusty desert, and a twisting aerial target, finally to return to Luke, travelworn, cross eyed, and somewhat disappointed in our own abilities. Yes, it was true that there was much more to this shooting business than meets the eye. We were made to realize that the plane is merely a mobile gun mount, and must be maneuvered and coordinated correctly before one can hope for a good score.

But good scores and shining medals are not of primary importance to us now. We're thinking of the day when the targets in front of our sights will return our fire, and we'll be a double radii lead for Japs and Germans. We're looking toward the day when the day of instruction and the hour of practice will begin to pay off ... If we're in luck we may be among those who hit the "Jap-pot."





In Memoriam



DONALD J. ASHPOLE



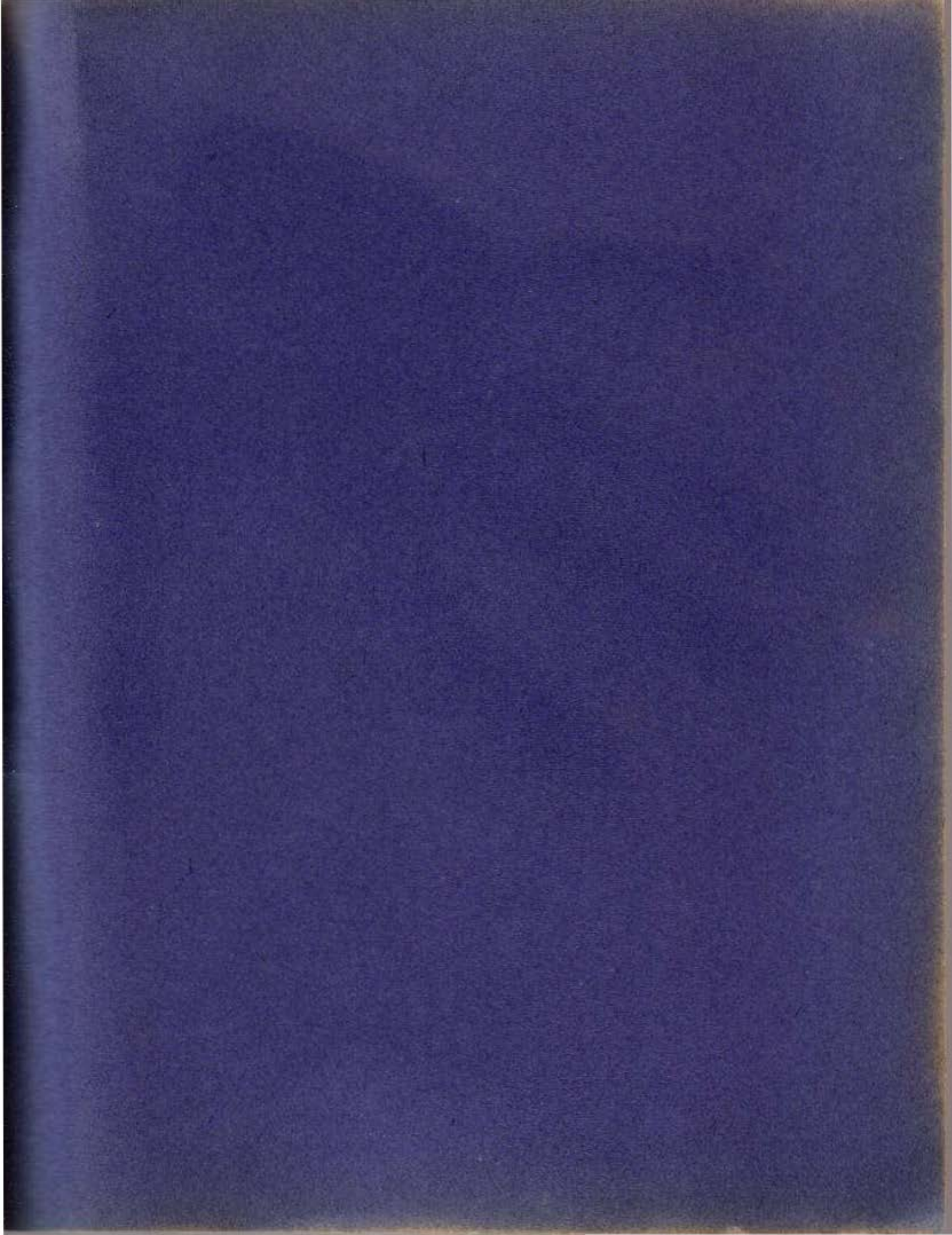
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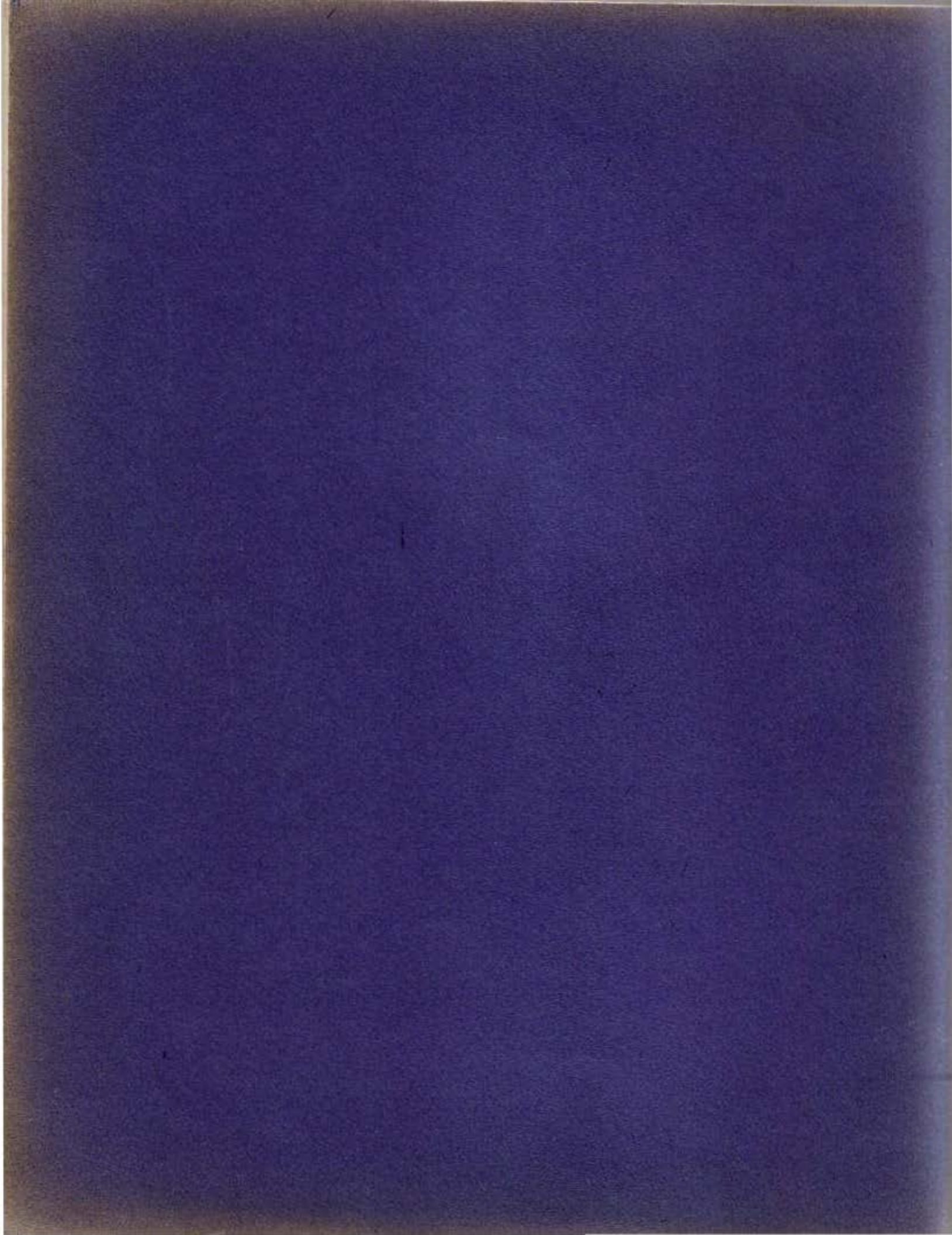
Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth;
Yea, saith the Spirit, that they rest from their labors; and
their works do follow them.

(Rev. 14, 13.)









I've been here long enough now so that I believe I can give you a clear picture of just what I am doing. Twenty of us were sent to



Lieut. Edward Evensen

this school operated by T. W. A. (Kansas City, Mo.) At the present time we are going to ground school eight hours a day. The work is a lot stiffer than any that I've had before. In two weeks we will start flying locally around K. C. for a month. Then I go to Burbank to

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ROBERT NELSON ON MISSING LIST

Ensign Robert K. (Bob) Nelson, 21, well known former Bellingham high school and Western Washington college athlete, is missing in action in the Pacific, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy B. Nelson, of 1018 Mason street, were notified by the navy department Sunday.



Robert Neelson

Ensign Nelson, a carrier-based flyer, was wounded in action about a month ago and only recently had returned to flying duty. He won his wings in the summer of 1943 at Corpus Christi, Texas.

"Bob" has a brother, Lt. (jg) Roy B. Nelson Jr., also a navy flyer and on duty in the Southwest Pacific. Roy was recently advanced from ensign to lieutenant (j.g.)

BROTHER DUE HOME

A third brother, Roger W. Nelson, was due home Monday, having received a medical discharge from the navy as a result of injuries received while in training.

The telegram from Vice Admiral Randall Jacobs, chief of naval personnel, said Bob, previously wounded when a piece of shrapnel tore through one of his legs, gave no details of the mission from which the Bellingham boy failed to return. Bob was a pilot on a Hellcat fighter plane and was assigned to a airplane carrier in the Southwest Pacific. He was recently decorated with the Purple Heart medal and had been recommended for the Air Medal.

Bob left home in June, 1942, and graduated from the air school at

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