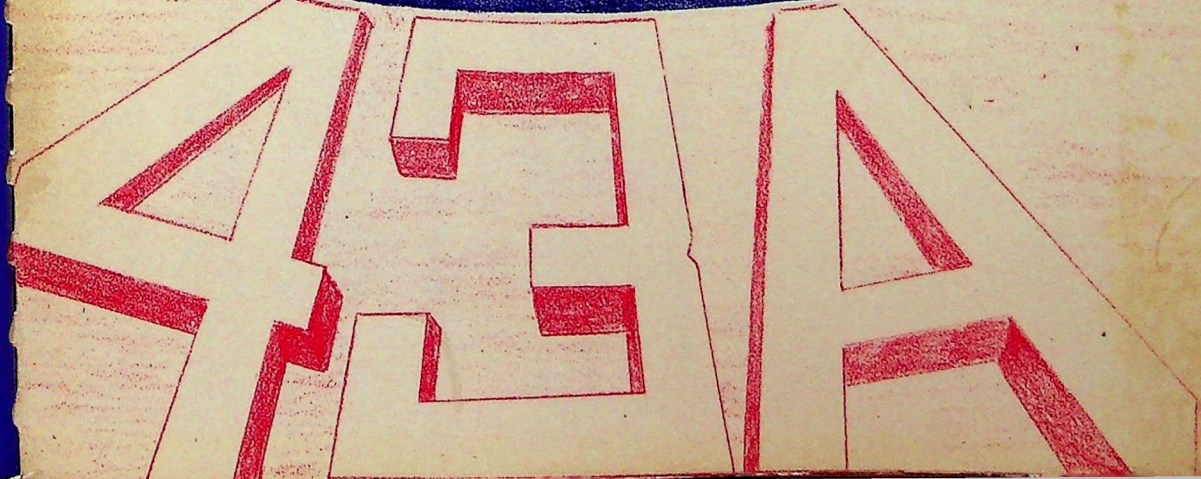
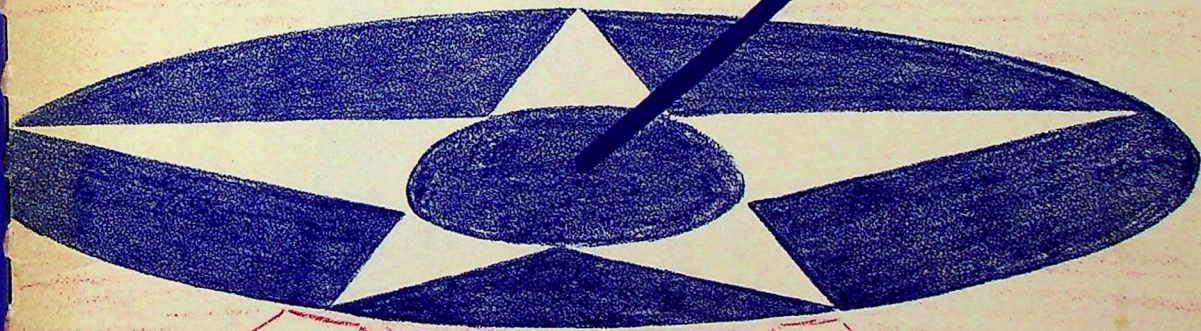


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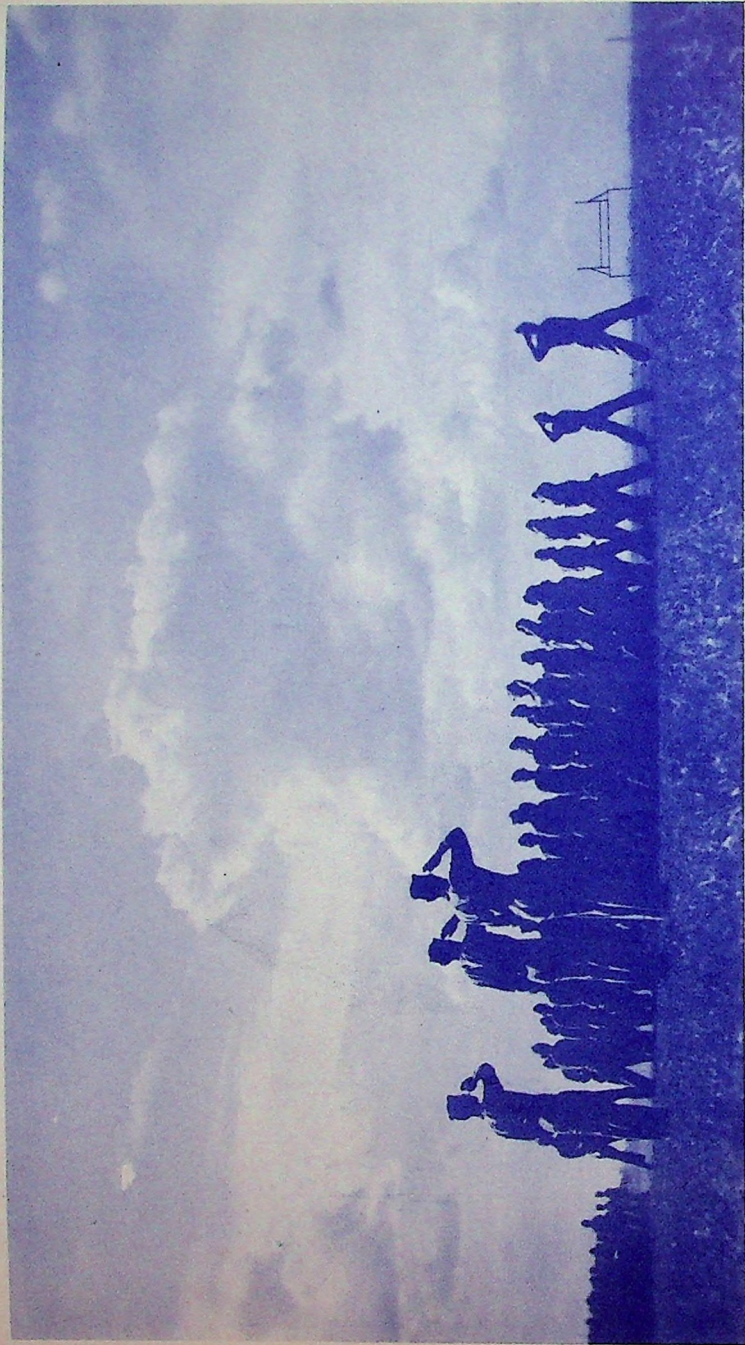
*John Gillespie Magee, Jr.*

Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of earth,  
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;  
Sunward I've climbed and joined the tumbling mirth  
Of sun-split clouds - and done a hundred things  
You have not dreamed of - wheeled and soared and swung  
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there  
I've chased the shouting wind along and flung  
My eager craft through footless halls of air.  
Up, up the long delirious, burning blue  
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace,  
Where never lark, or even eagle, flew;  
And, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod  
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,  
Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.

*Class.*







## DEDICATION

We, the class of 43-A, dedicate this book—as we dedicate ourselves—to the furtherment of the ideals of the democracies of the world. That tyranny and oppression shall be obliterated and freedom for individuals, rights of religion, and pursuit of happiness shall be kept forever as our fore-fathers who founded this nation so meant them to be kept.





CAPT. R. M. CROW  
Commanding

# Our Commanding Officer

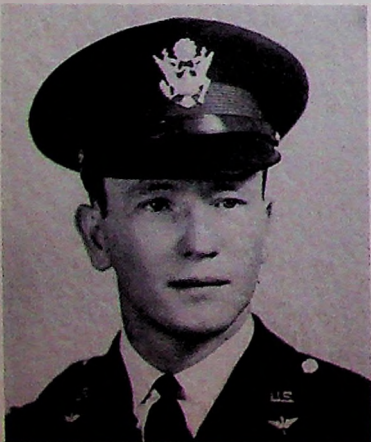
TO THE CLASS OF 43-A:

Yours being a part of the first class of potential Air Force officers scheduled to graduate in 1943 marks another milestone in our destined campaign for victory. Let's all subscribe one hundred per cent to this "Victory Campaign" by making all work real work, all flying good flying, and all fighting hard fighting.

To those of you who are inherently fine pilots and officers, lots of luck, and to those of you who are less certain of yourselves, get in there and dig hard.

ROGER M. CROW  
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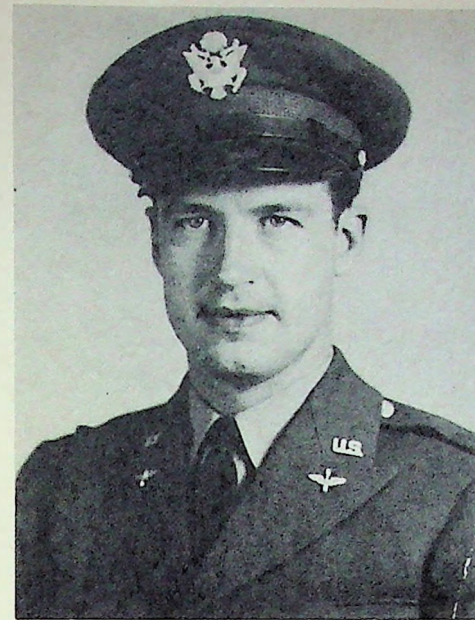
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## CLASS HISTORY

At the Kelly Field Reception Center during the month of May, 1942, the class of 43-A assembled. A group representing the cream of American youth, gathered together with a mutual purpose and an excess of spirit and determination. We were to be the Fighter Pilots, Bombardiers and Navigators of Uncle Sam's Army Air Force. After classification we left the center for Primary, our first step toward the coveted "Wings."

This particular group had its origination as Squadron Five at the Air Force Preflight School "on the Hill" at Kelly Field. There we underwent a strenuous five week course in preflight studies, military drill, and physical training. We grew acquainted with military life and our fellow classmates. The five weeks sped by, week-ends at the Cadet Club at the Gunther Hotel in San Antonio, and some on the Ramp—with rifle and all. Everything pointed to our first flight so we took it all in our stride.

We were designated to be Class 43-A, junior classmen, at the Coleman Flying School, Ltd., Coleman, Texas. We realized the "junior" part from the locker-inspections, "Keep your eyes on a point, Mister!" handed out by 42-K, our upper classmen.

Flying training and ground school, long looked forward to, started and we were swirled into a new, interesting life, with ups and downs, pink slips and "hot" days. The eight hours of dual flying time passed as on wings and the thrill of our first solo is a moment never to be forgotten. Twenty hour checks, and 42-K left for Basic and 43-B moved in making us the Senior class. It was great to be able to give locker inspections and yell, "Cut down that arm-swing, Mister!"

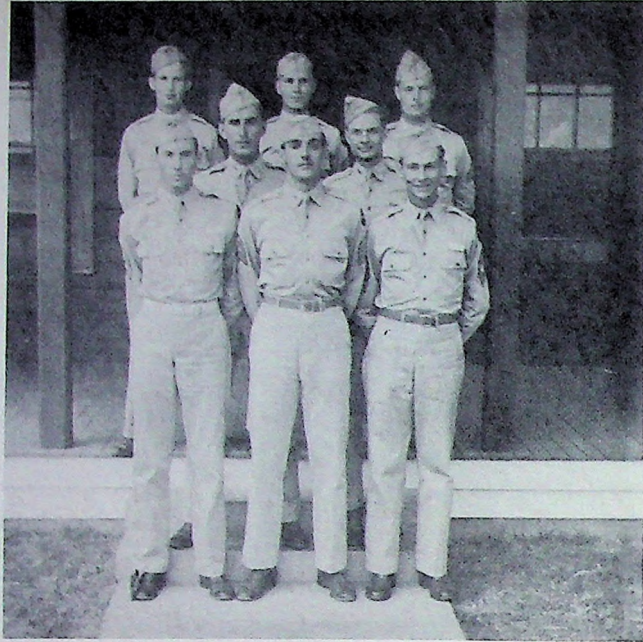
Days crowded with study, drill, P. T., and flying sped by. Riding the front seat in our trainers but never able to get away from that Gosport that kept tickling our ears with "More rudder, more rudder." Forty hour checks, moments of great anxiety, and relief when he heard "Satisfactory—BUT\*—!"

We mustn't forget the good people of Coleman. We must proclaim our deep appreciation to a people that went all-out to make our stay here more enjoyable. Ranch parties, dances at the USO, with cake and punch. Cars to take us to and from Church on Sundays, invitations to Sunday dinners. Great and generous people, true Americans, doing their best for us and we will show our appreciation in doing our best when the time comes.

Now as the time comes to wind up our stay here, final checks, final exams, and our last rides in PT-19A's, we realize that the two months spent here have been full fun, work and at last we are really on our way. With regret of leaving our friends in town, on the field and the parting of ways of some of our class we reluctantly say "Farewell to Coleman, the city of friendliness, and fond memories."



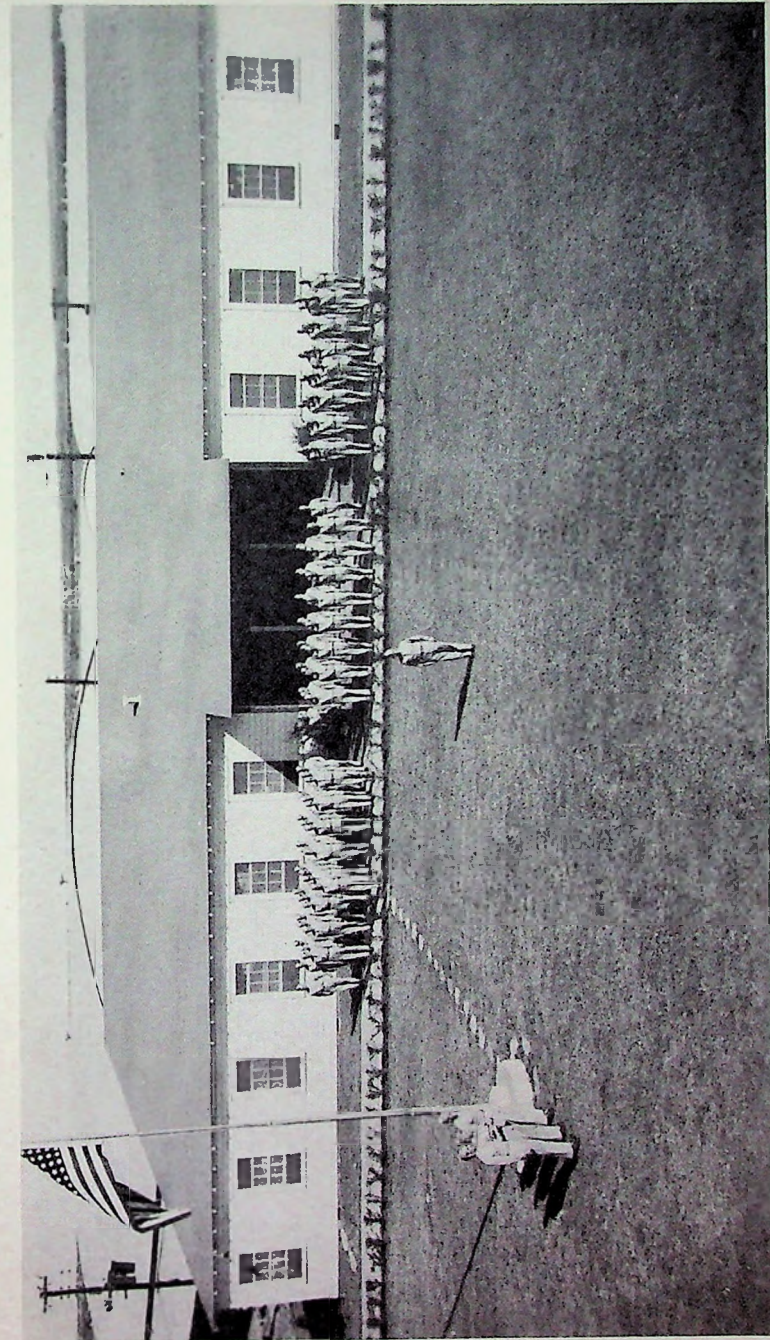
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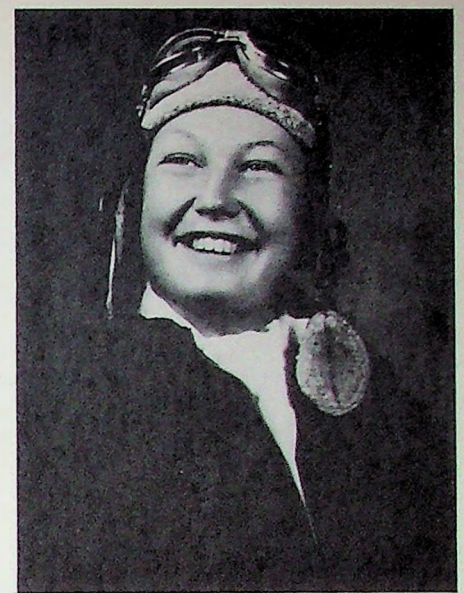
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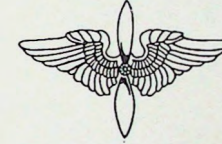
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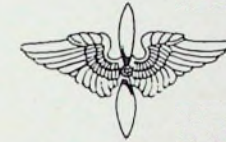
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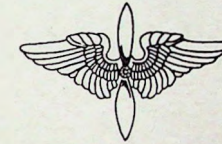
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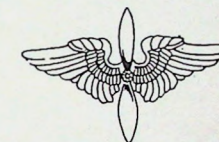
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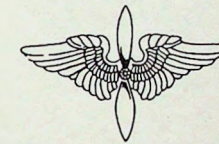
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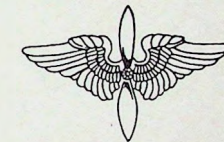
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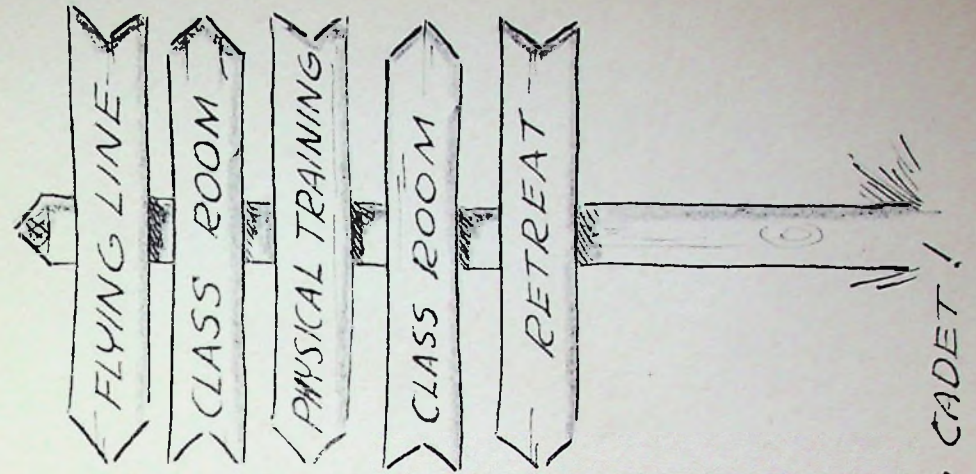


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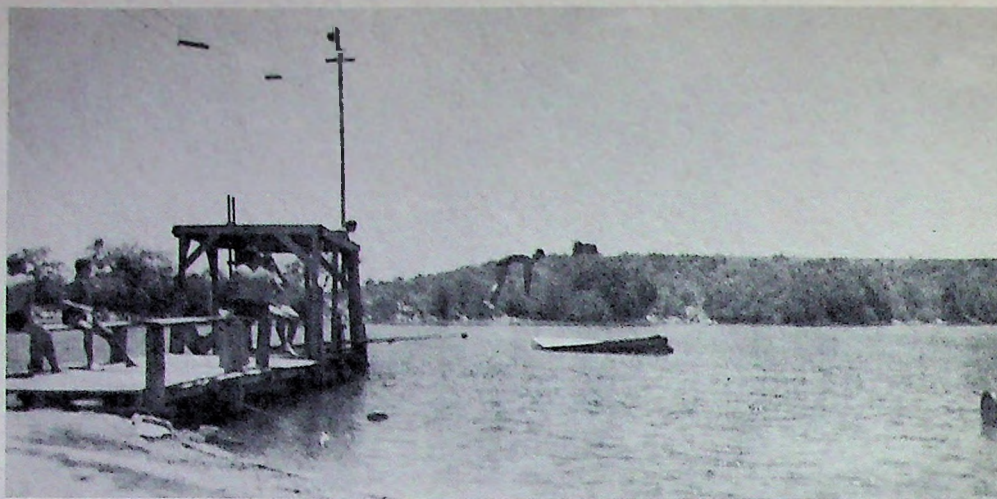
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## WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF

Palgut would say "Attention" instead of "aten-hun?"  
"Crooss-T" McGuire would land with the T?  
Hawley would decide to land at Coleman?  
Newman would land in the same pattern he started in?  
Parker would stand at attention in formations?  
Silverthorne's voice would start changing?  
Shelton wasn't keeping the gig line company?  
Some honest-to-goodness studying was done in the study-hall?  
Frank Price was caught with some of his own cigarettes?  
Machala bought some stationery?  
Moxley would stop wolfing all the women?  
Lt. "Physical Torture" Davis would skip P. T. for one day?  
Lt. "Hot Pilot" Fisher came in with his flaps down?  
—and I would stop writing this?

Ye Roving Reporter.

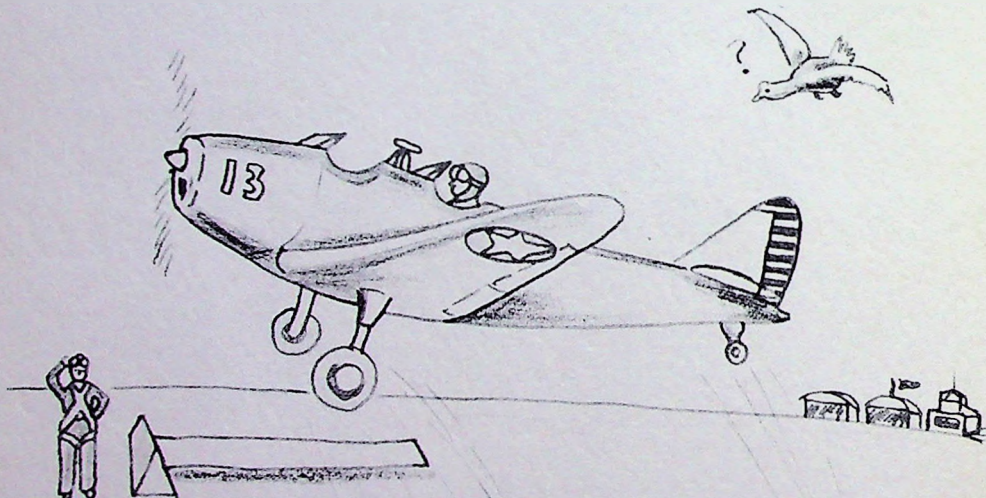
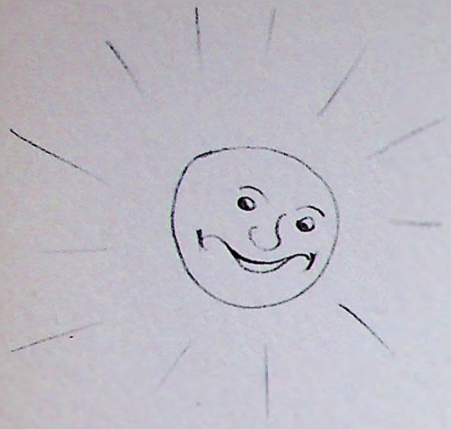


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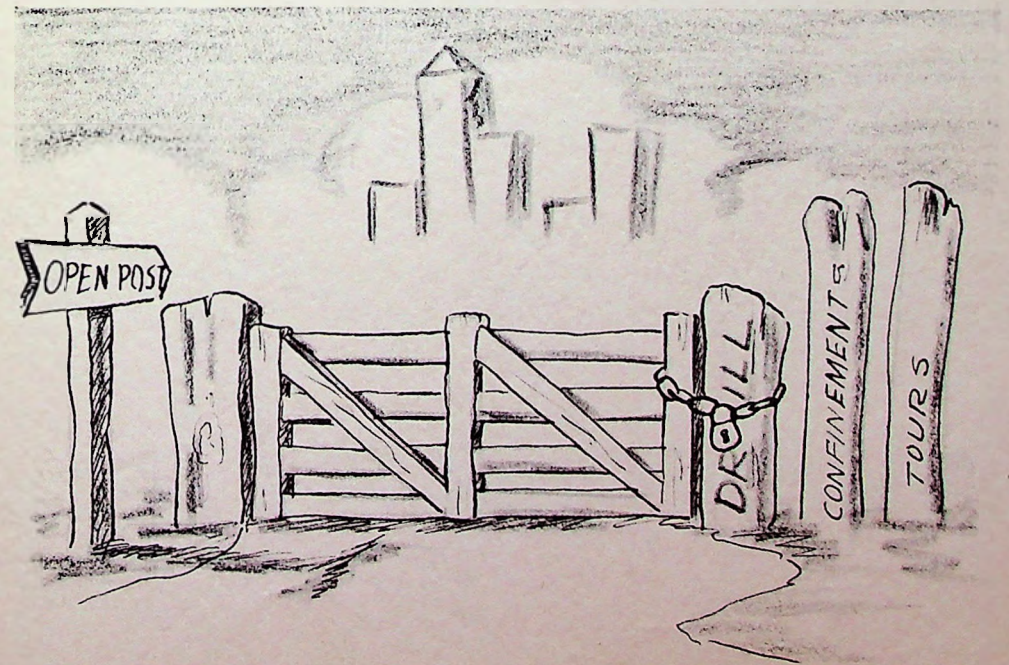
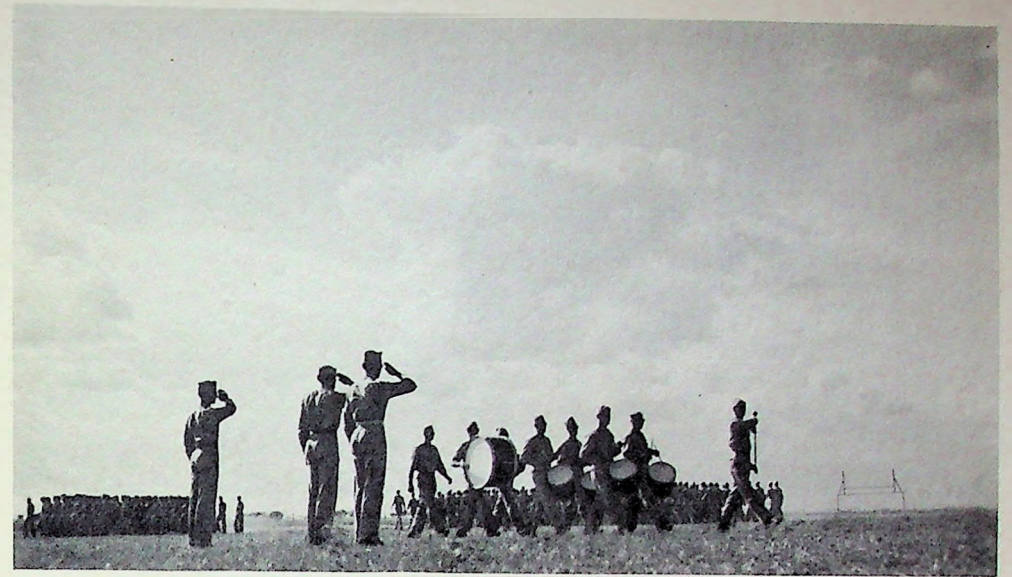


## AND I ASK MYSELF?

Is that plane taking off too? Am I too close to the T? Which way is the wind blowing and which way do I crawfish—I mean crab? Am I climbing too fast? What's my Tach read? What's my altimeter read, ain't I at 200 yet? Should I turn now or wait till that other plane turns? Am I turning too steep, am I making a level turn? Start climbing? Are my wings level? Turn now or wait till I get to 600 or is it 500? Is my base leg out far enough? Cut my throttle now? What was that my instructor said about not turning under 200 feet? Where are my flaps? Is that fence low enough for me to get over? Should I use my throttle? Am I coming in too low? Too high? Where is that ground? Did I bounce much? Who in the hell cares, I soloed,—wheeee!!!



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Not A Mirage, A Reality!





Physical Training, here we come, with your jumping jack, boy, how my heels hurt after that one (when I did them all), push-ups—"see if you can do 25—you've been here a week now," Midnight reverse, my, my, push-up and clap—"third man in the third row, keep your feet down, head up, tail down," now a body-bending exercise, "come on, get your palms down, hey, I said your palms, not your elbows, quit bending your knees," "O. K. now we'll do the side straddle-hop, you count the first 100 and I'll count the next 100," recover clothing, assemble to the right, close ranks, now for that cross country, run all the way up, it's not far, you should be able to run twice that far. Did I say Physical Training or Physical Torture?



*Profanity Tube!*



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