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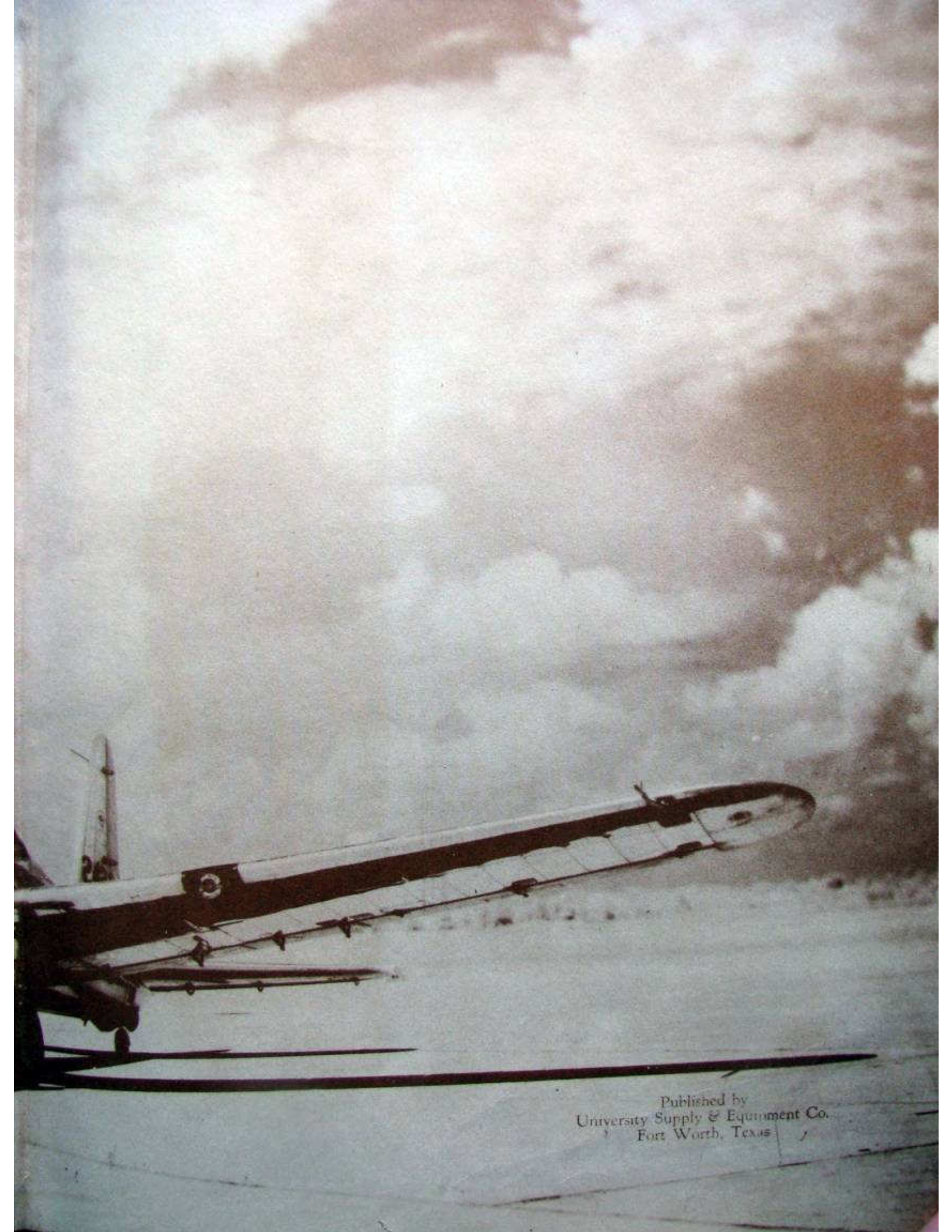
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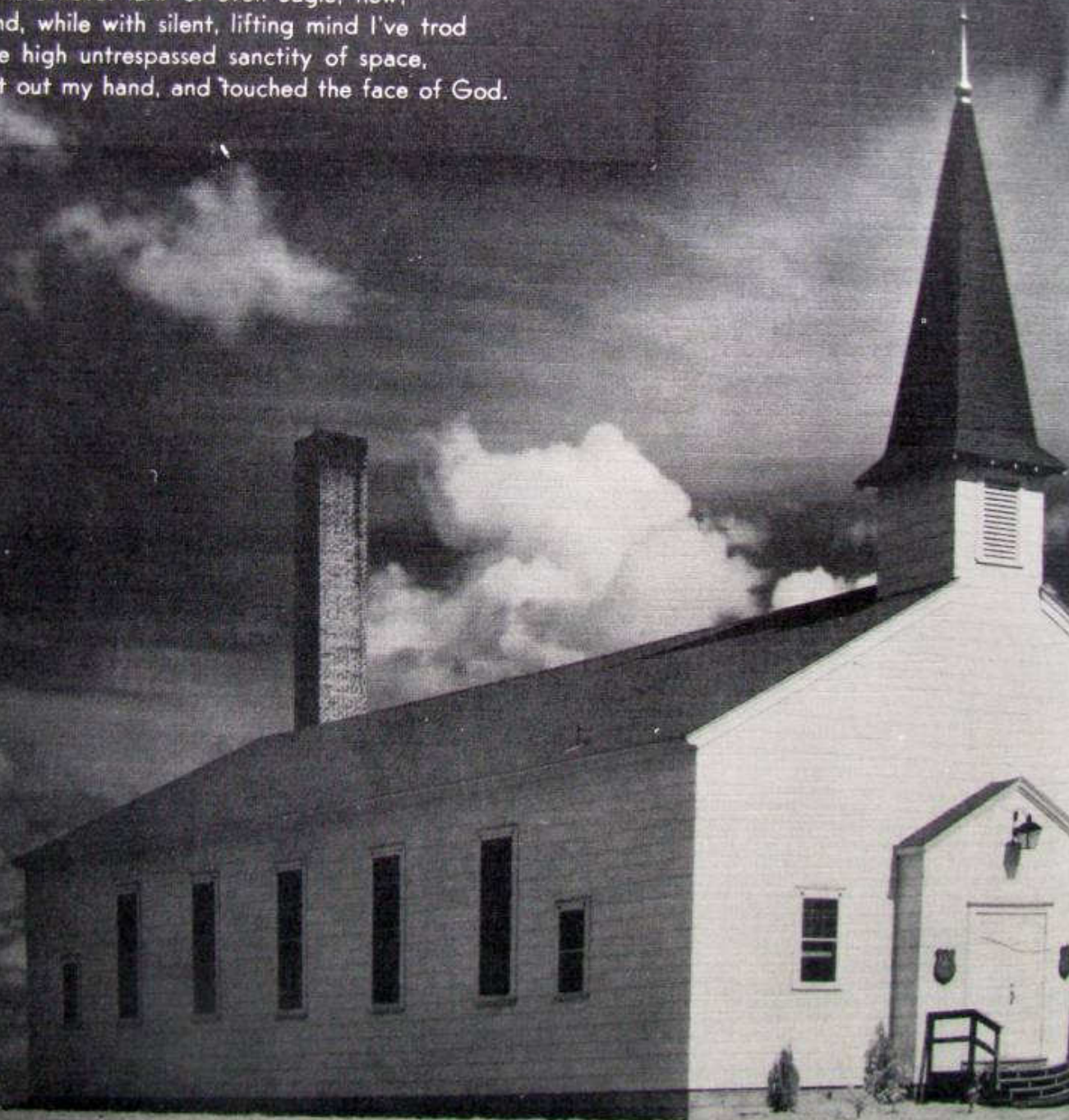
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## HIGH FLIGHT

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 Sunlight 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.







MAJOR L. L. LULY  
Commandant of Cadets

## DEDICATION

Major Lucian L. Luly has come to Majors Field as Commandant of Cadets from his last assignment at the San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center as the Director of Training for the Third Wing. Prior service includes training as a Student Officer at West Point, Former Commander of Cadets at Eagle Pass. He has also seen service at Randolph Field, Brooks Field, and Waco Army Air Field. Six years training at the Kemper Military Academy in Missouri certainly qualified Major Luly for his eventful military career.

It has been evident that our Commandant endeavored in every way to give us the necessary Military Training for Officers in the United States Army Air Corps. Therefore, as an expression of our gratitude for his efforts, we, the editors, respectfully dedicate to him, this classbook of '43-K.





### COLONEL HERBERT M. NEWSTROM

A familiar face on the Flight Line, Col. Newstrom is a typical example of an Air Force pilot. A man who really loves flying and still finds time to chat with future pilots while administering to his official duties.

An ardent athlete, our Commanding Officer plays golf while away from his command.

Backed by many years of experience, Col. Newstrom has trained men who now are on all the fronts of the world, and his reputation for Military Discipline and Courtesy has spread to all parts of the globe.



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Special credit should go to the "Tac" Officers who initiated the idea of a class book at M.A.A.F. That was only one of the special privileges Lt. McGriff obtained for the Cadets.

All those moonlit dances were a direct result of our Executive Officer's efforts and were greatly appreciated by the cadets of this detachment. A recent treat was afforded the cadets in the form of martial music played over a P.A. system secured by the Cadet Det.

Thanks also comes from the Base-Leg staff for his **fatherly advice** and the appropriate title which adorns the cover of this book.

A word about the instructive but enjoyable time we have had with our "Tac" Officers should be included to make our class book complete. Of course, there were times when discipline looked unfathomable to us, however, it all goes to make us good officers.

We affectionately called Lt. Pruden, "Junior Commando" and Lt. Creel, "Indian Joe," in secrecy, of course, and that ace of all, Lt. Koolage,—"Lazy Eight." Sometimes it was "Hit a brace Mister" but things ran pretty smooth in the hands of our "Tac" Officers.







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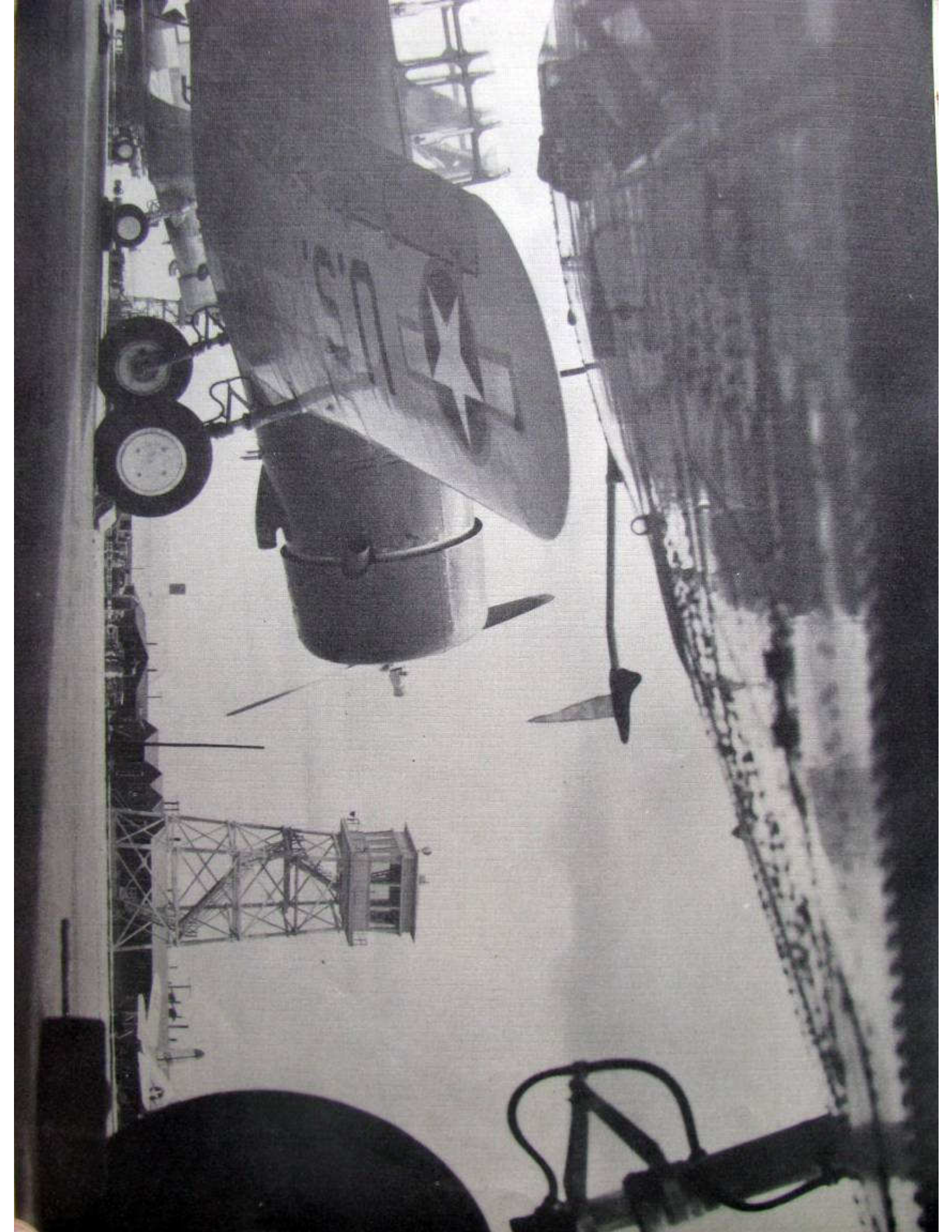


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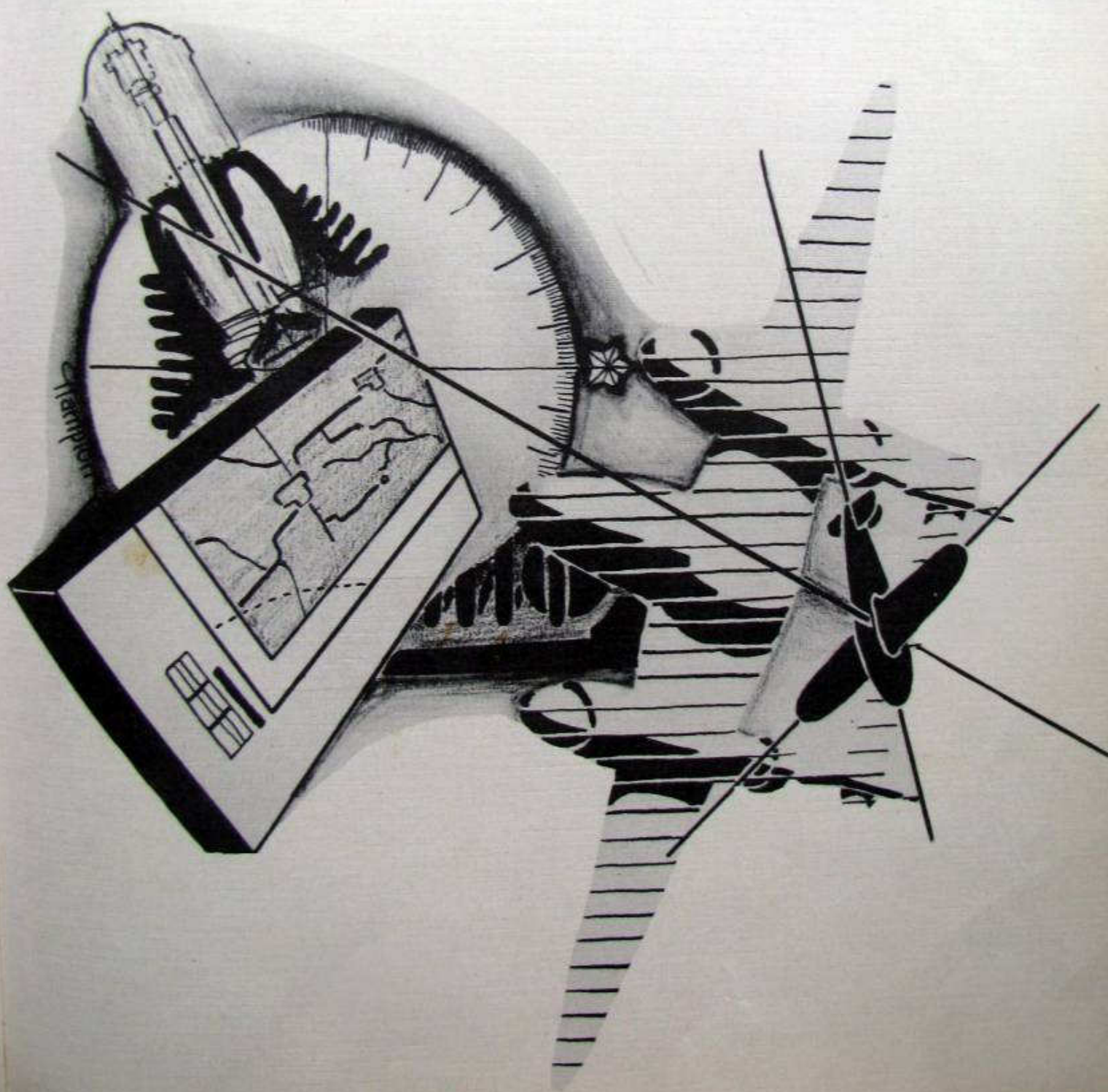
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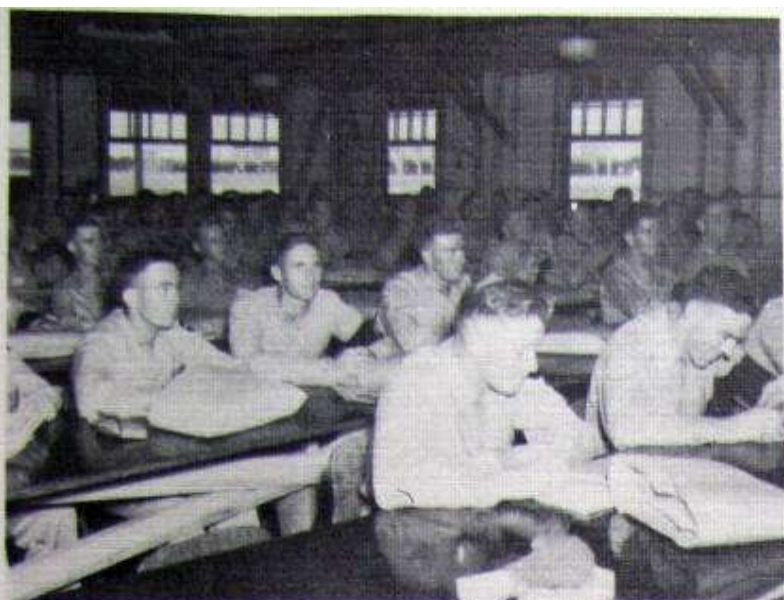
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(An amazing discovery was made by the Editors in their search for pictures and articles. The following statements have been known to Major Pigman, the director of Ground School, for some time but have so far escaped the attention of the Cadet Detachment.—Ed.)

There are professors representing six different Colleges and Universities instructing in the MAAF Ground School Department. Four have Doctors degrees in Science, Art, and Education and twelve have two or more degrees in various vocations. Two others have one Degree apiece and the total amount of teaching experience of all the instructors adds up to over **TWO HUNDRED YEARS!**



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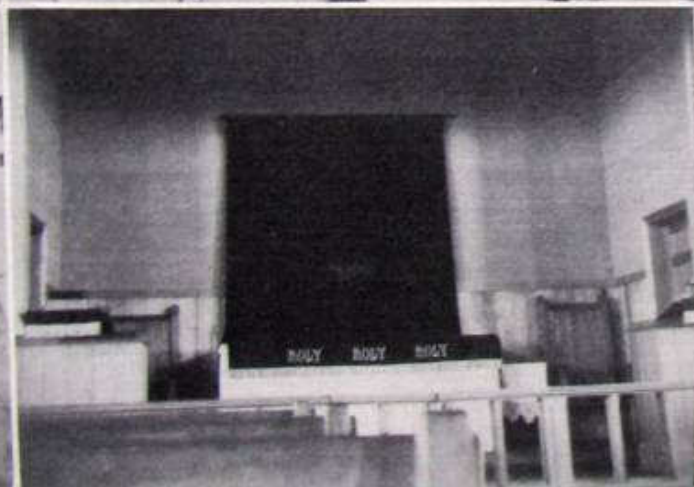
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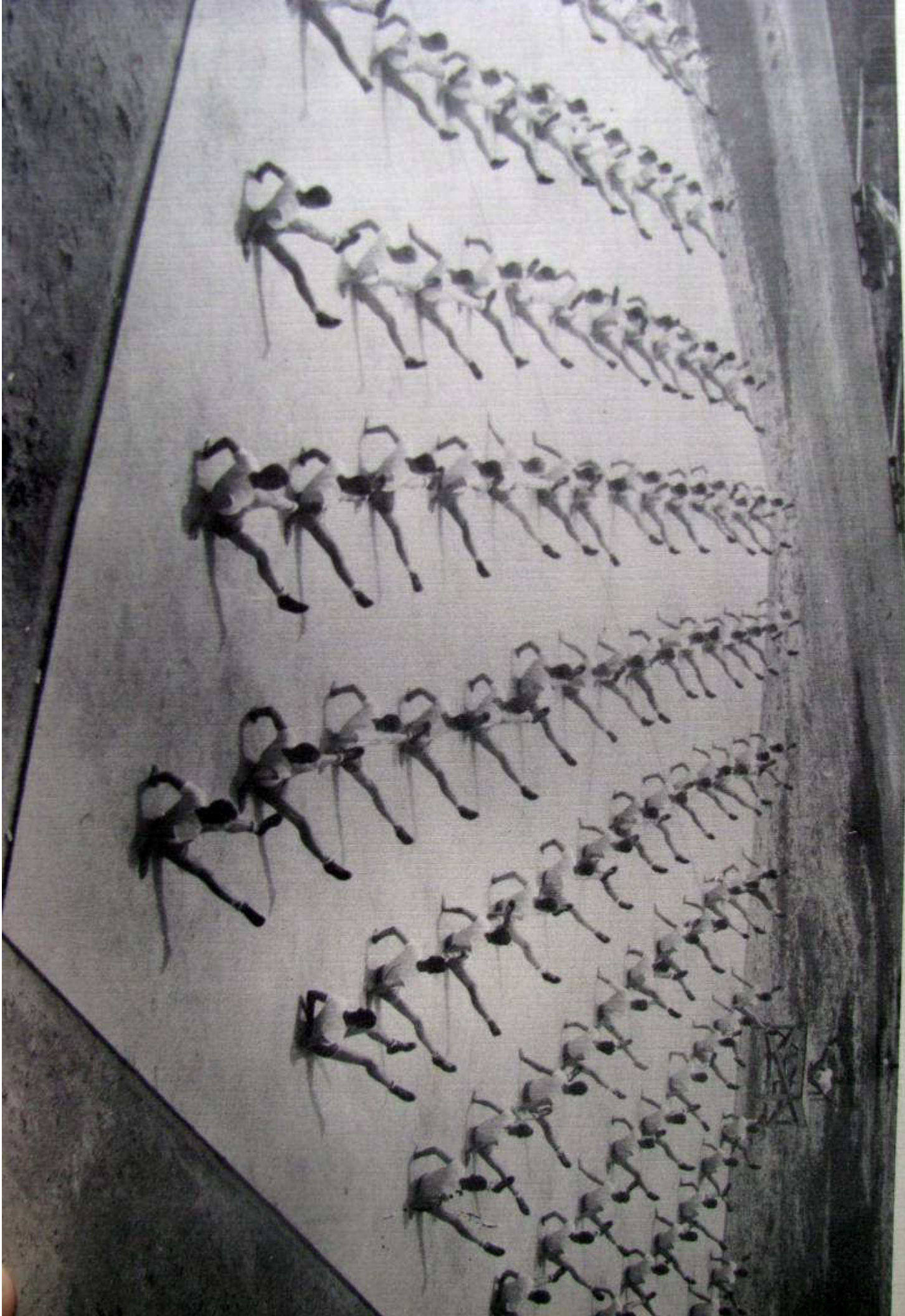




# PHYSICAL TRAINING











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In wicked cadence counts that man  
Whose youth was spent, to this I swear,  
In Jap'nese cities where they ran  
A torture business—prices fair!

So much he learned that on that day  
When Army's ranks acquired him,  
A P. T. ogre he became—  
By rights they should have fired him.

So now on blistering days, you'll find  
A group of Kaydets blind with sweat,  
And him all pain, just like a kind  
Of "guardian" whom a convict's met.

Oh, would that I of iron were,  
To take the worst he could provide,  
To work *him* out until the cur.  
Broke down from weakness, sobbed and cried!



P.T. IS ROUGH







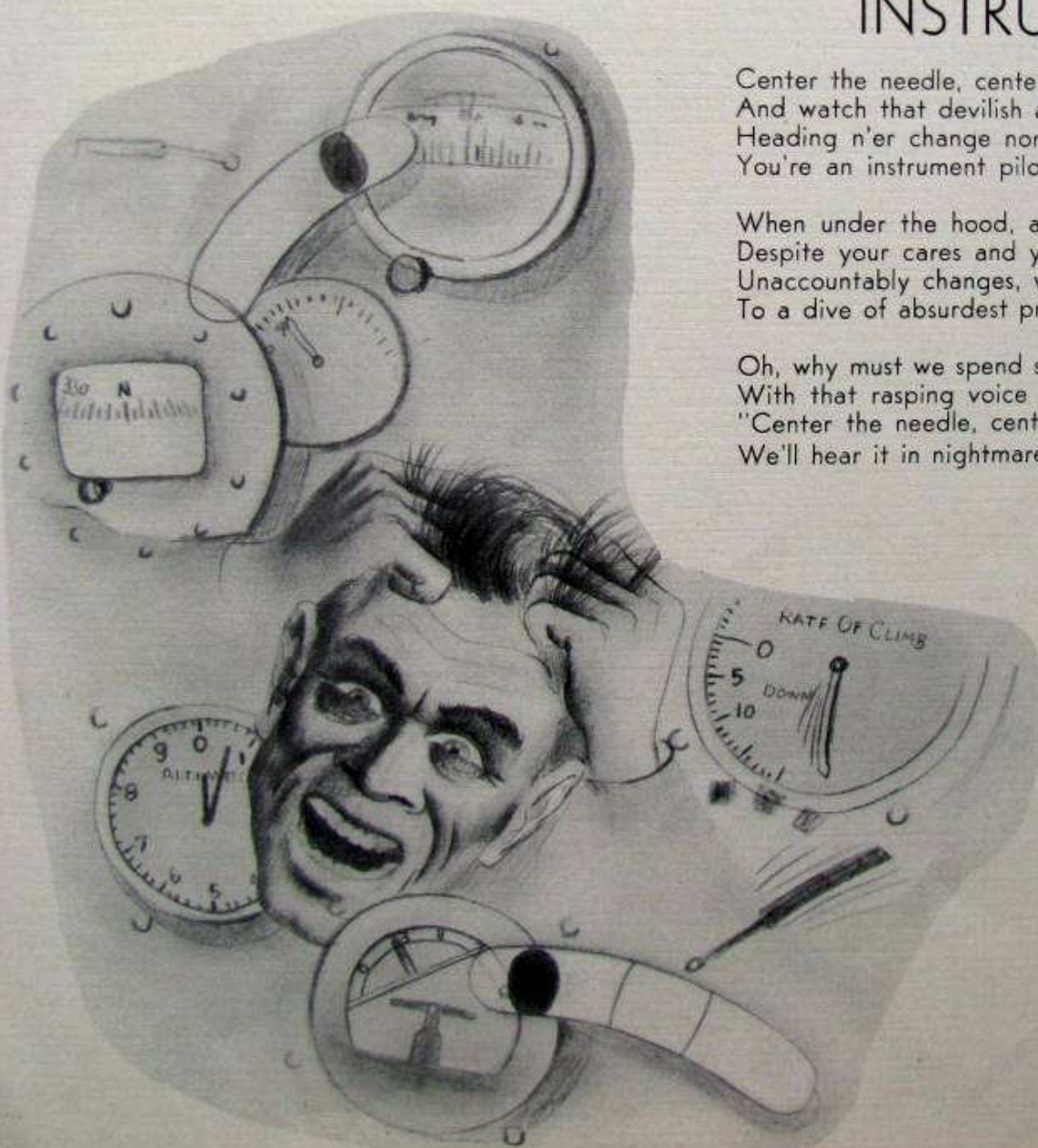


## INSTRUMENT

Center the needle, center the ball,  
And watch that devilish airspeed;  
Heading n'er change nor altitude fall—  
You're an instrument pilot indeed!

When under the hood, a climbing turn,  
Despite your cares and your cautions,  
Unaccountably changes, why you can't learn,  
To a dive of absurdest proportions.

Oh, why must we spend so much time in the dark  
With that rasping voice in our ears,  
"Center the needle, center the ball"—  
We'll hear it in nightmares for years!





## Remember . . .

Those soft music dances under a Texas moon . . . when Lt. Koolage lost his girl to Kaydet "Scotty" Owens as the Lt. stepped over to the soft drink bar to get his pix taken? Or how disappointed you were when you found that all the gals at the dance were engaged to men of previous classes.

Little McClallan used to screw up the works on the flight line every night and ride back from an aux field instead of fly a solo ship back . . . And McNary always got lost on his X country until a Lt. decided to tail him to see what happened. Then, too, we can't forget the time "Ye Ed" set down at Love Field out of gas??? And we all stayed in from open post to clean house and stand SMI on Sunday afternoon.

Remember how scared of our class system 44-A was and how well we racked 'em back. . . . They didn't rack half as well as McClelland, McCracken, and McKinney when Lt. Richardson kept them in a perpetual brace.

Bill Moore, "The Grand Old Man of Basic," used to have to go to Dallas every week-end to see his ailing Mother. She must have been pretty bad off 'cause Bill always looked pretty sad and under the weather every Monday morning.

Oberschmidt and Naylor always got a bit grayer from worrying when someone got out of something and they didn't . . . And Cadet Officer Jones generally spoke of Disciplinary Officers as "Me and So and So."

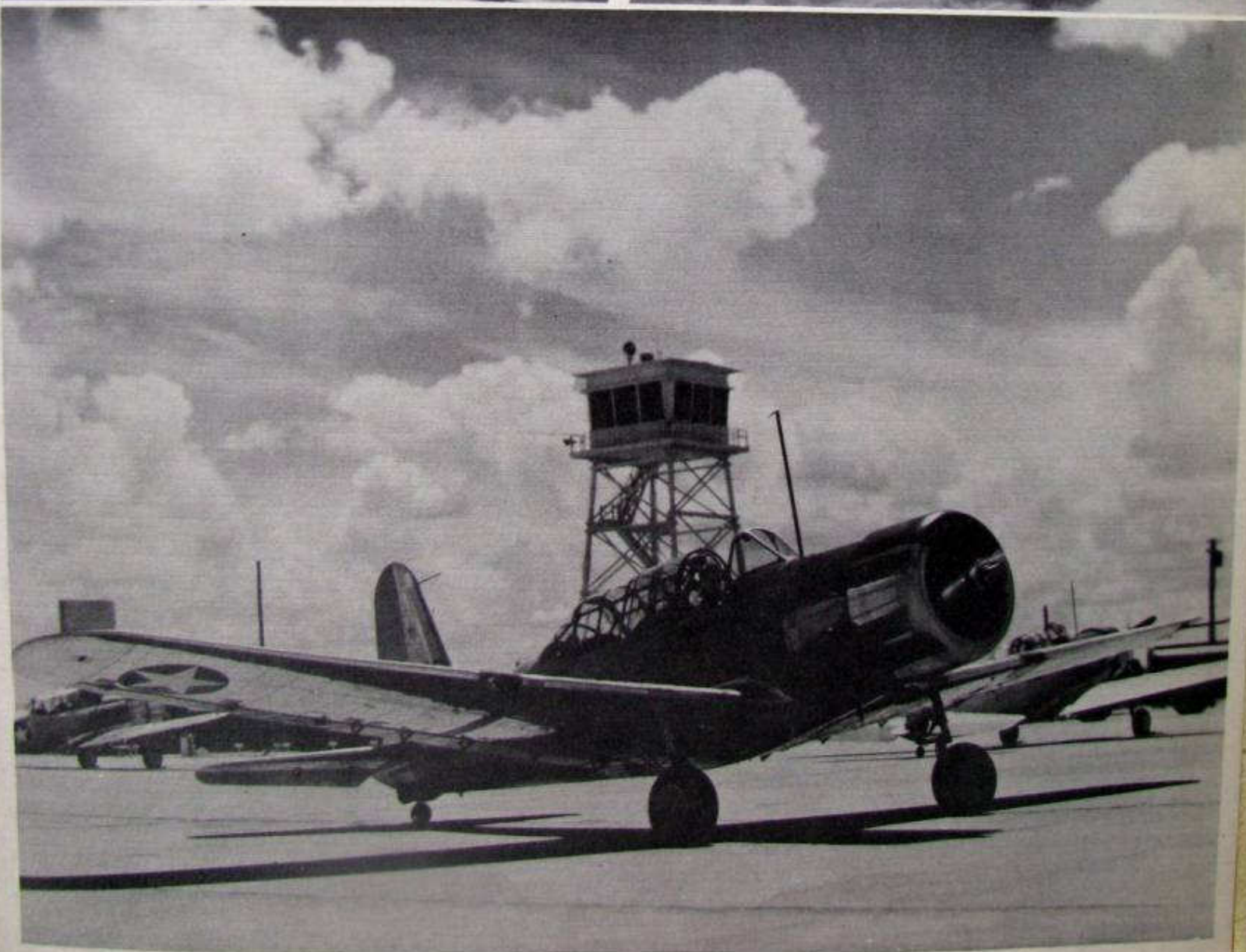
The aforementioned "Scotty" Owens never did have time to take care of his casino, but it was rumored that the latrine lights burned all night.

Kaydet Meng sure thought the world was against him the night before he got married. He still can't convince his wife it was nothing to worry about . . . But all was well 'cause someone lost the mercurochrome.

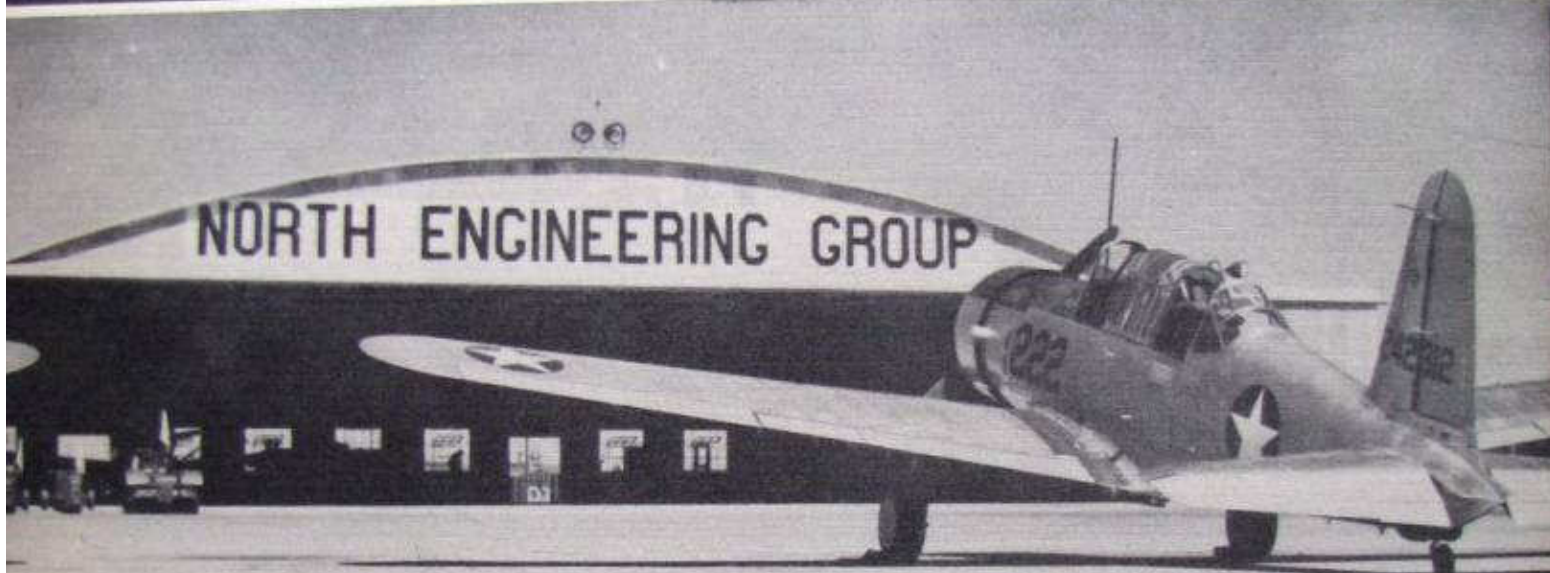
Remember how they were picking up golf balls by the bushel basket at Eau Claire, Wis.? Oh my head—Ye Ed.



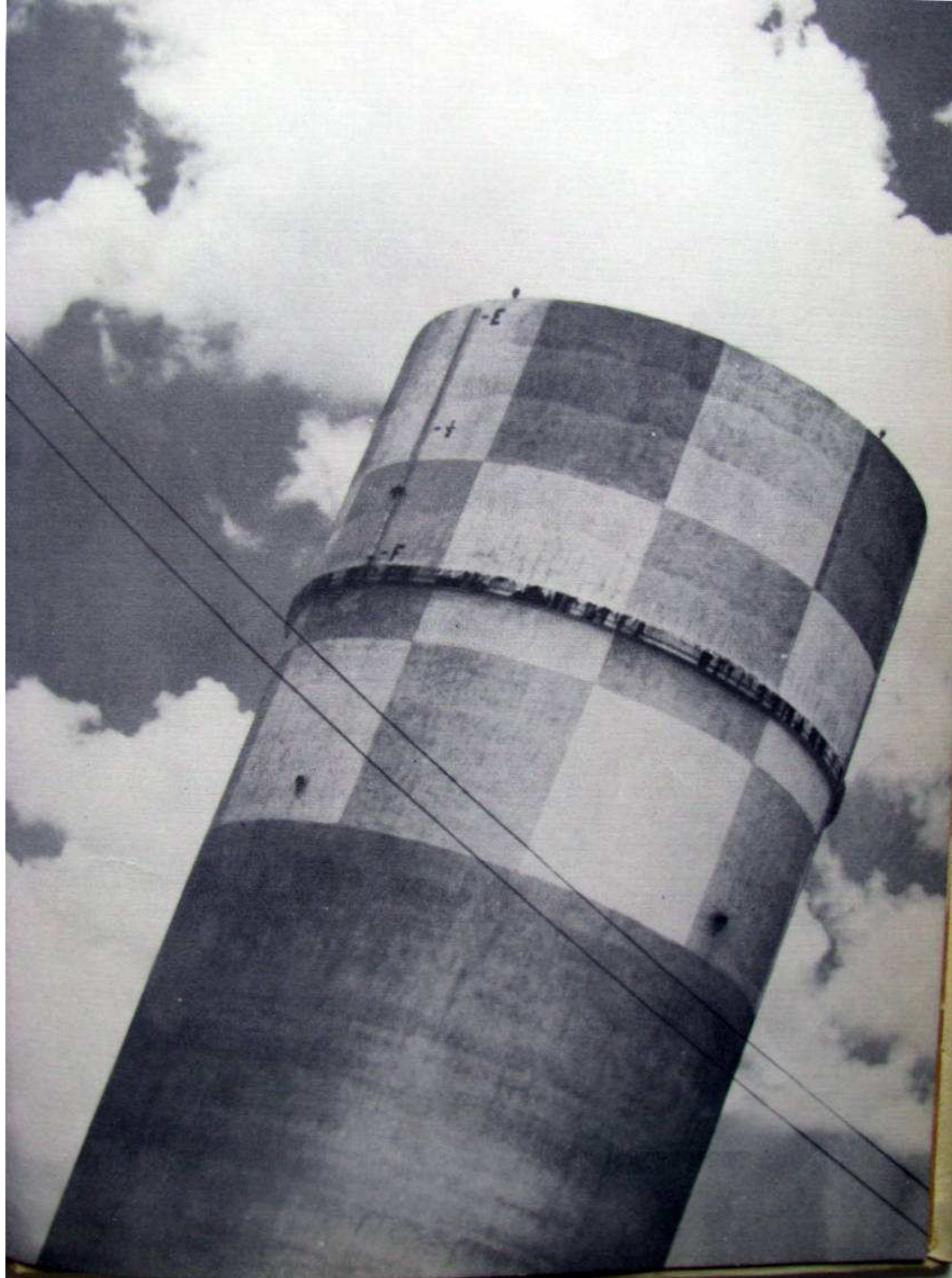














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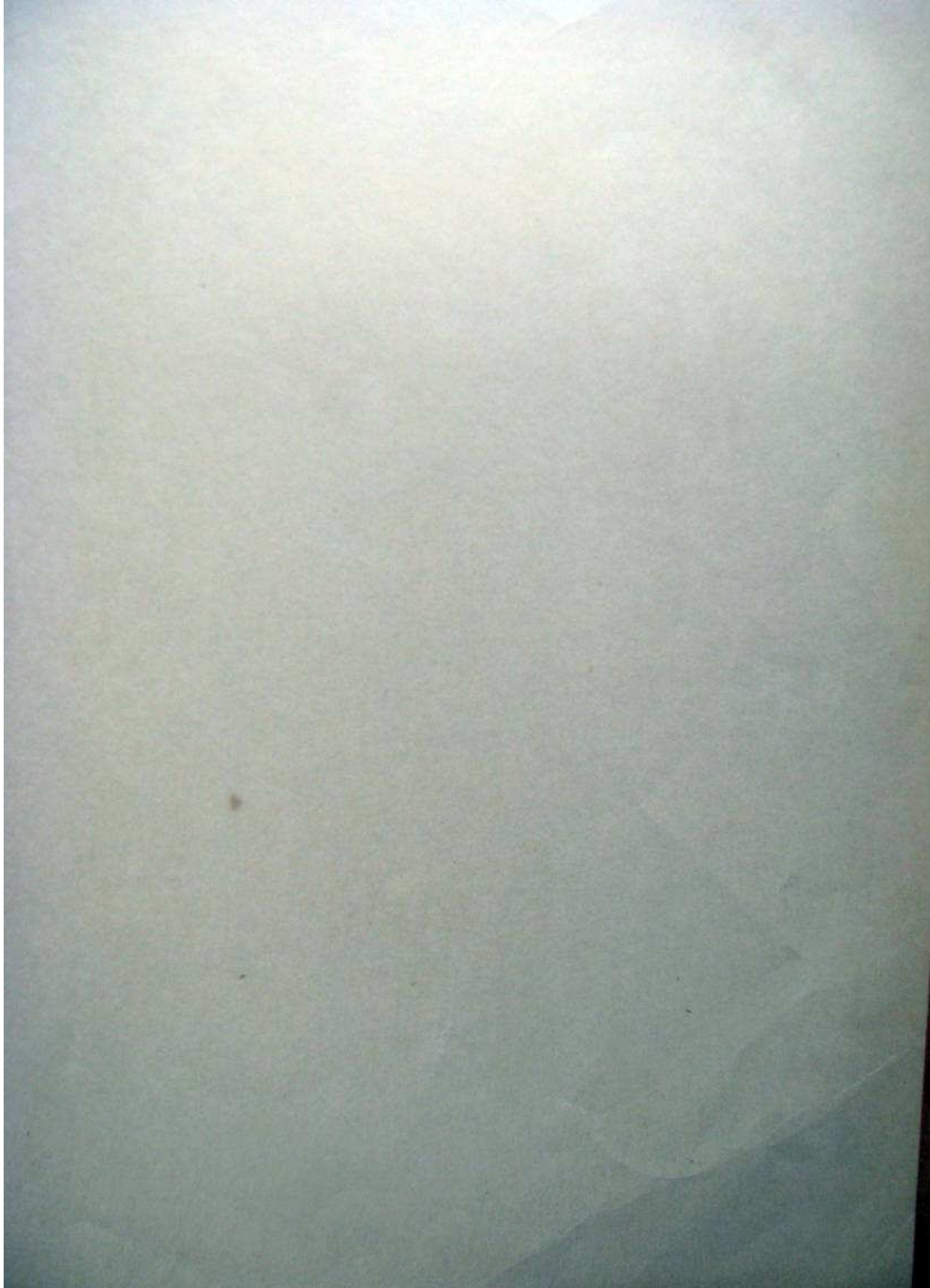


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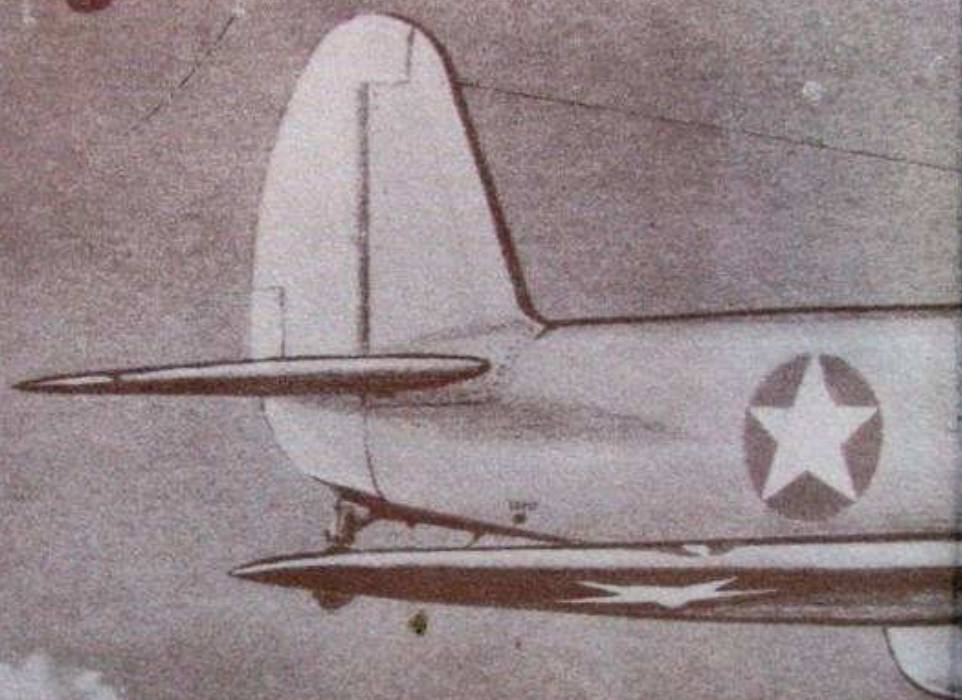
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