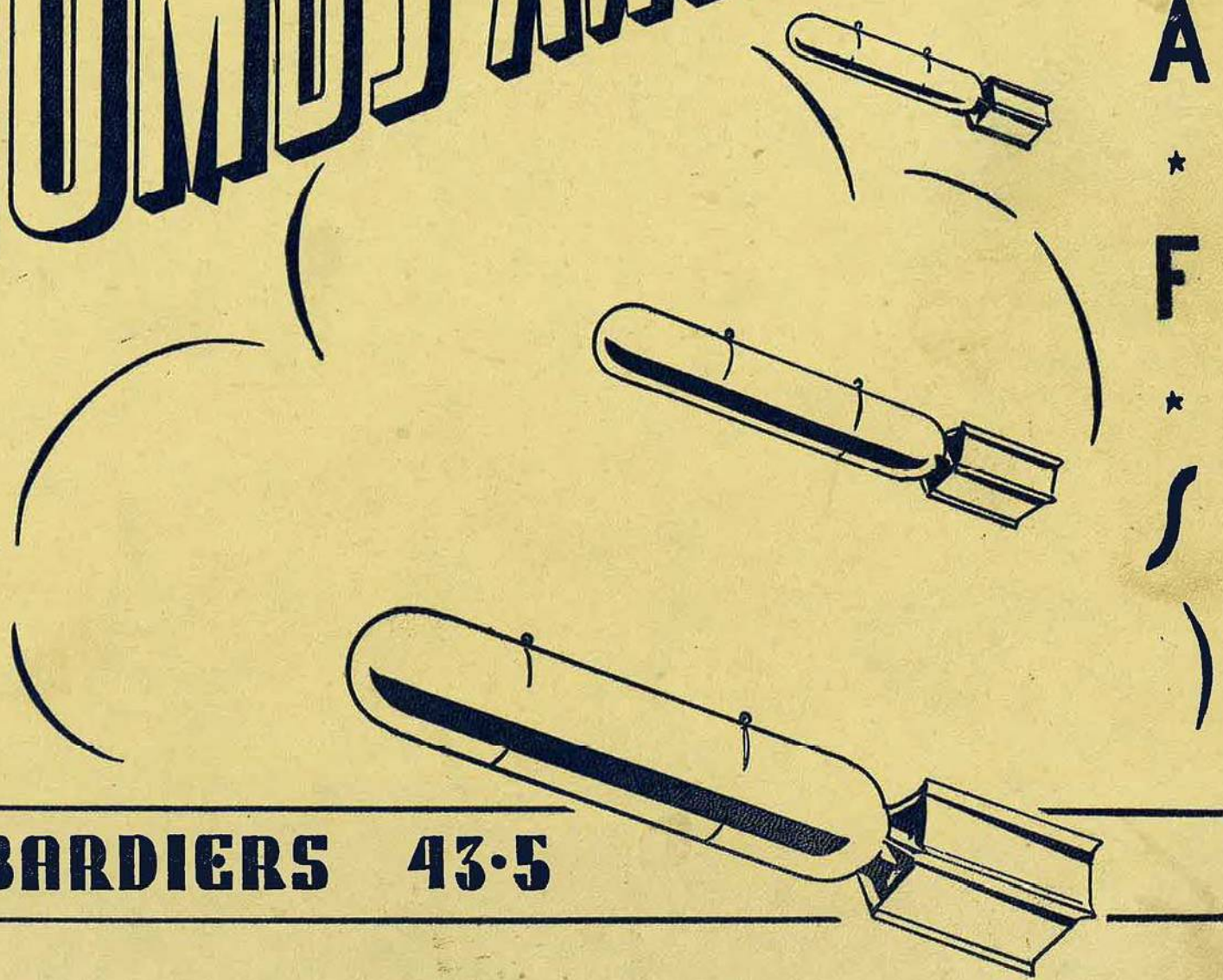


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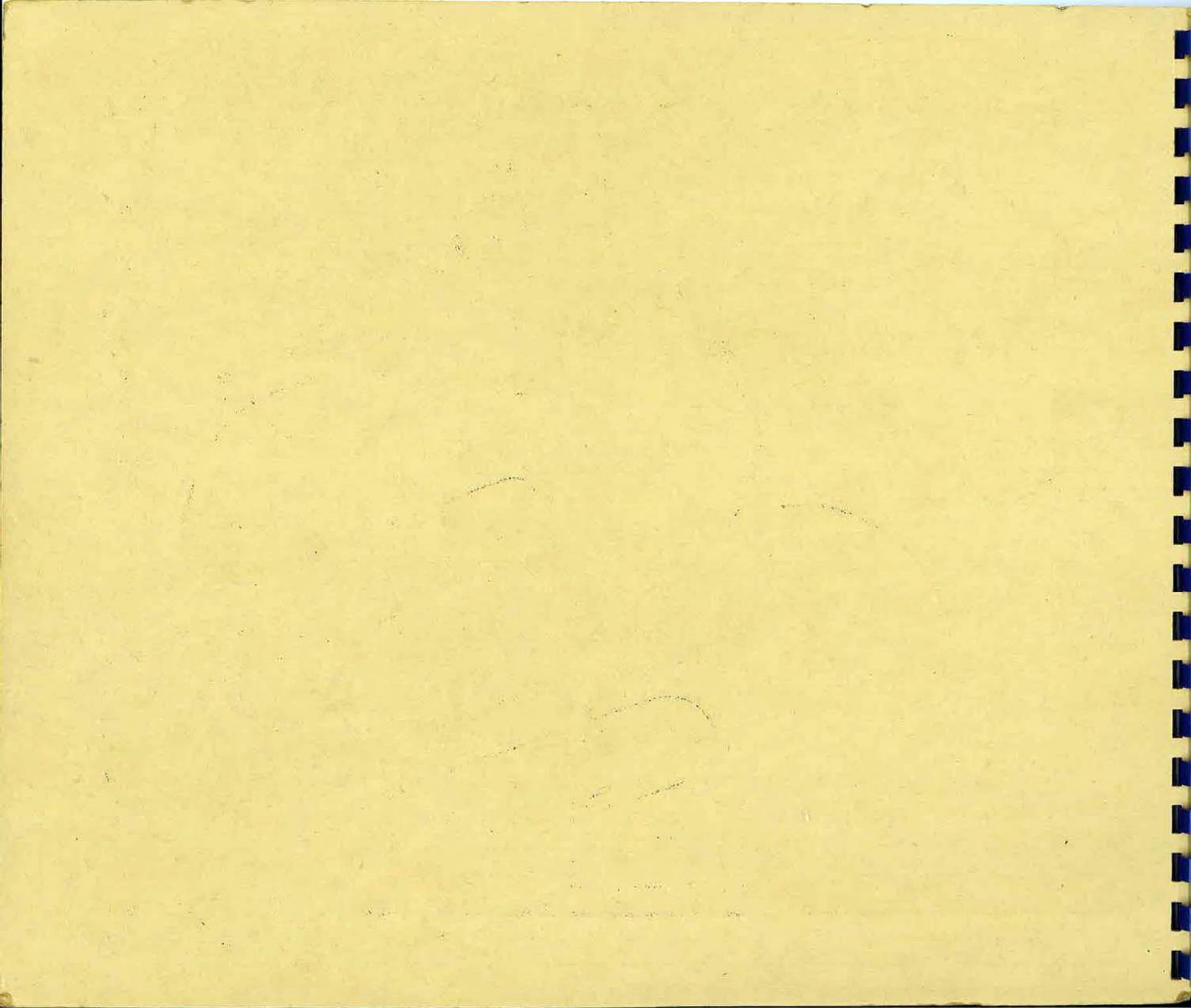
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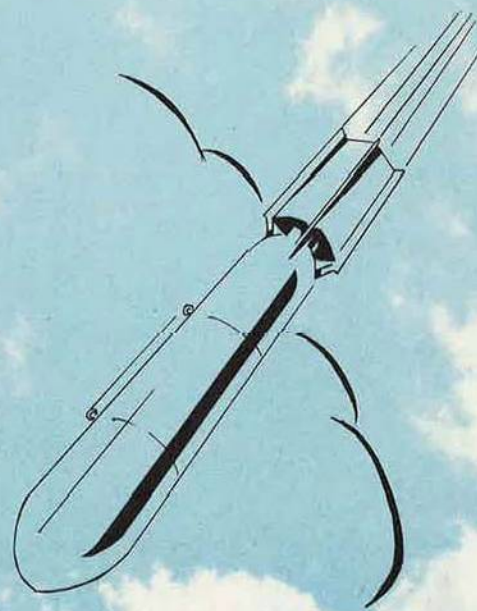
# BOMBS AWAY . . .

These then are reminders of those study-studded, care-free days, when as cadets you were building toward those coveted wings and bars.

These are the fellows who saw you through . . . the fellows who went through the mill with you.

Later years will bring back memories of Victorville . . . memories redolent of trials and trouble . . . fun and f.o. . . . then finally achievement.

This then marks a milestone in the military career of a swell bunch of guys . . . the Cadets of 43-5.



43-5  
BOMBARDIERS  
VICTORVILLE, CALIFORNIA



43-5







*A Message from the*  
**COMMANDING  
OFFICER . . .**

To the Bombardiers of 43-5

"Here, in the Victorville Army Flying School, we who have supervised your training, have played a humble part. You cadets, who today receive your wings and the bars of a commissioned officer, are the finished product of four combined efforts. Today you step into a new world . . . a world teeming with opportunity, adventure, responsibility and acclaim. We, who remain behind to train more men to back you up in the struggle, can but wish you 'God Speed' plus the strength and endurance to crush a vicious enemy, so that America and the world may again live in peace and happiness."

Roy D. Butler  
Colonel, Air Corps  
Commanding

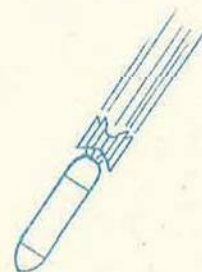




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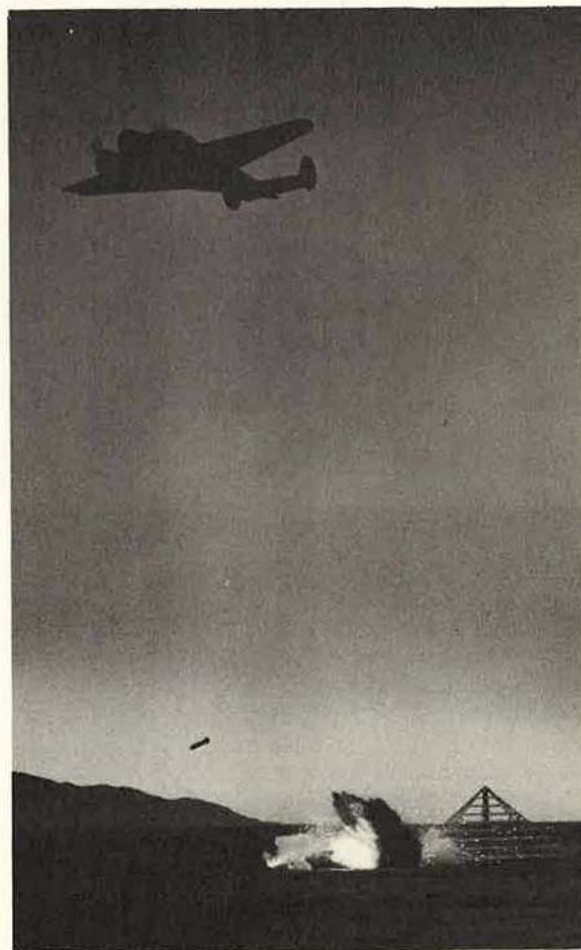






**LT. A. H. MILLER**  
Tactical Officer, 43-5

Lieut. Miller saw us through, from start to finish. He's the "guiding light" who kept us on the ball and put the "officer" in "Flying Officer." Sometimes it took gigs and other times it was the stock pep talk. But he always knew what was needed to keep morale at the peak. He's a grand guy we won't forget—the sparkplug of our Victorville training.





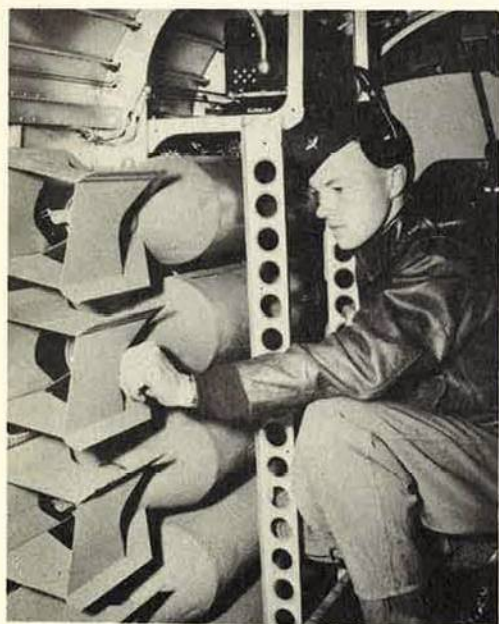
# flight LINE ...



Money-back guarantee?



Where's your ground speed, mister?



Just before the battle, Mother



Who's on the sight first?



*night mission musings*

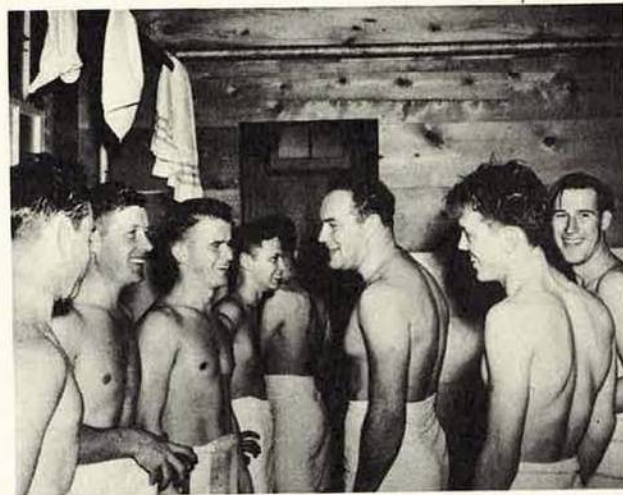




# ATHLETICS ...



The new Boxarchfootbasehorsevolleybasket game.



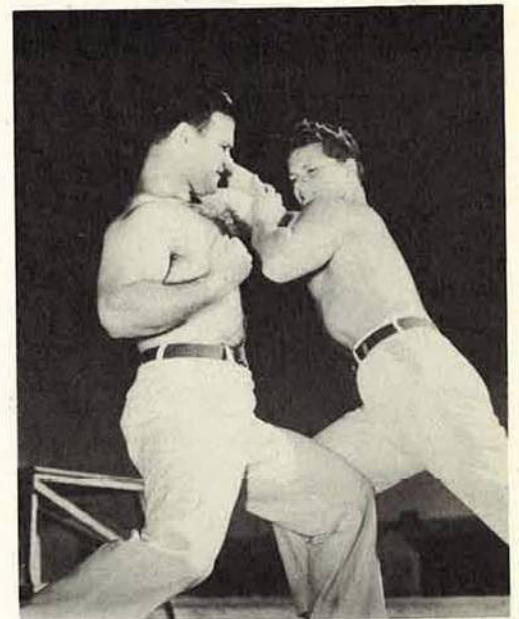
A Latrine-O-Gram is born



*must have been  
with Pathe*



Body all achin' and racked with pain



Body Beautiful Division





# more ATHLETICS ...



Poosh'em up



The Victorville Rockettes



White Hope



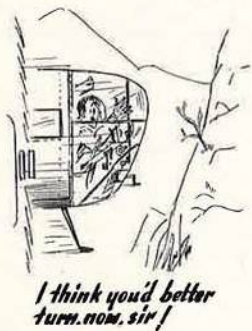
# flight LINE ...



Then I reached for my rake



Do we fly Saturday afternoon?



*I think you'd better  
turn now, sir!*



Readin', writin' and E6-B

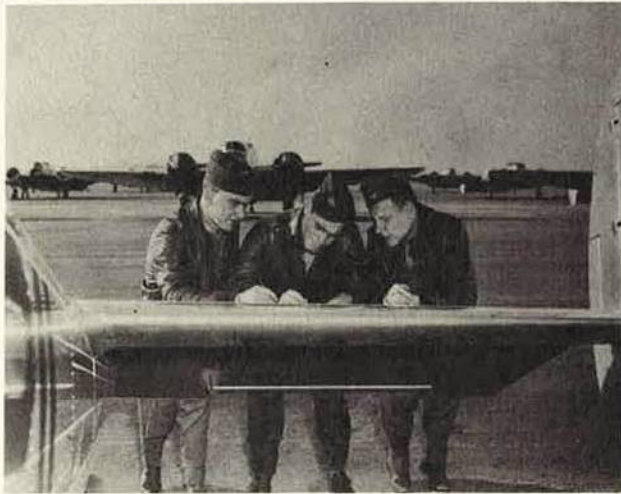


Get your head out, Mister!





# flight LINE ...



Tail Talk



Give yourself 10 stars, Mister



They went that way



The Norden Medicine Show



# then .. there's our HOME life ...



There's no such thing as curling up to a best-seller beside a crackling fire-place. But we always manage to make our barracks as well-lived-in as any bachelor's apartment. Inspection officers do as good a job as any "house dick" could in keeping the quarters "on the ball."



Eight ball in the side pocket



Mission cancelled, mops away



Dear Lonely Hearts





# ROUGH .. but good ...



A fool and his money are some party

Our schedule chases us around the clock. But there are rare moments when we find time to pick up a billiard cue or a rummy hand. Sometimes it's skip-a-meal to squeeze time for letter writing or haircuts.



*we really should  
have...*



Oh, oh. Buttons, buttons, buttons



Kibitzers' Paradise



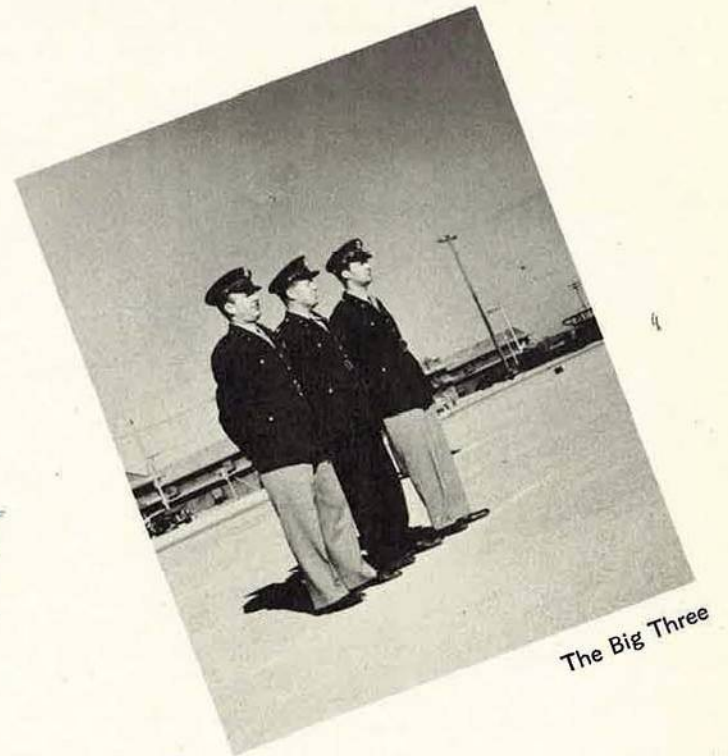
# our Saturday mornings . . .



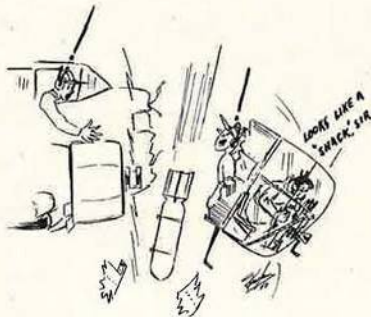
Pass in Review



And the band played the Polka . . .



The Big Three





# then . . . Saturday night!



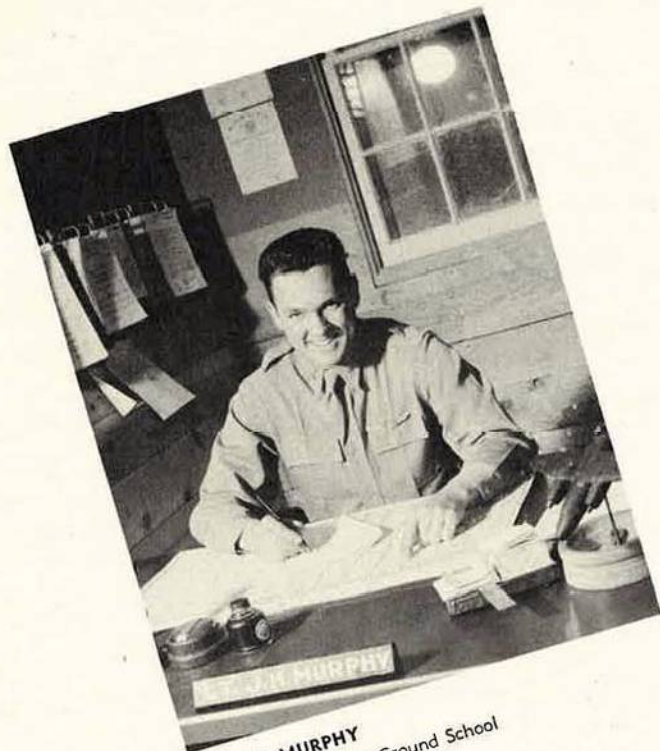
Pass-out checks

Provided that we have sufficient strength left on Saturday, we venture as far off the post as the "Green Spot," the Stork Club of Victorville, Hub of the Mojave. There are reports that some of the more hardy have made it as far as Los Angeles for a weekend.



# ground school INSTRUCTORS . . .

Ground school instructors teach with the same determination as song-and-dance men who refuse to admit that vaudeville is dead. The old three-a-day would have been a cinch for them. They played to capacity houses and behind locked doors from dawn until far, far into the night.



**LT. J. H. MURPHY**  
Director Bombardier Ground School



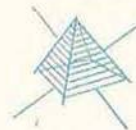
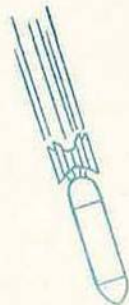
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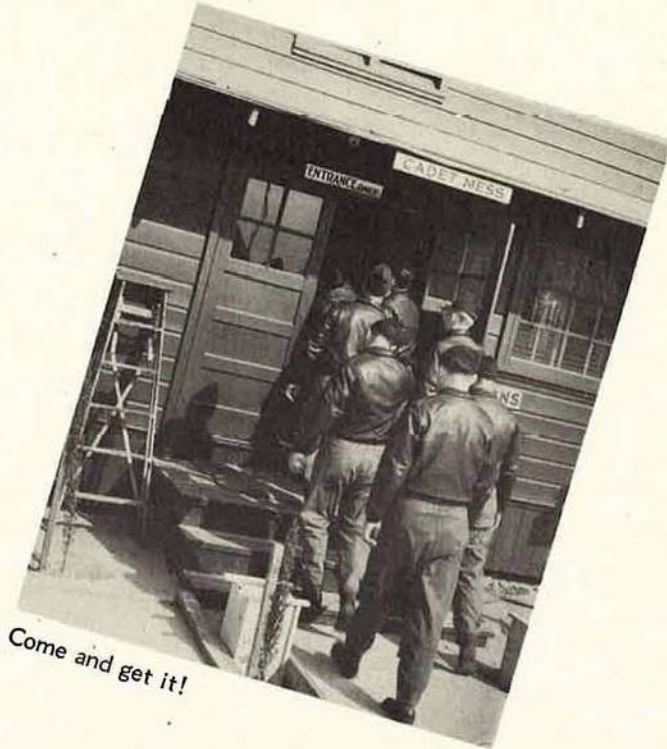




# cadet MESS . . .



LIEUT. BERT G. GALINDO  
Cadet Mess Officer



Come and get it!

To the music of H. James, T. Dorsey, B. Goodman, etc, we eat in style that would make Oscar of the Waldorf sit up and take notice. When it isn't steaks, it's turkey. And when it isn't turkey, it's steaks.





# TEN YEARS HENCE, perhaps

'Bout ten years from now would be just about right for a Class 43-5 reunion. What do you say we gather at Victorville's fashionable Green Spot in the Hub of the Mojave. We'll get those big tables near the orchestra and find out what's doin'. Roll up your trousers, fellas, and come on in!

Pat (Horse Race) Aldrich is wig-wagging a goodie from his stables which he "guarantees" will win by five going away. And Turf Luck Tyrrell, who is operating a bookie joint down the street, says it's good thing. Gene Heller, the Flying Banker, says he's going to go overboard on this humpty-dumpty and plunge a \$2 show ticket.

Here comes B. C. Anderson in his tennis shorts. He's teaching unorthodox tennis to the girlies at Vassar. If Canvas-Back Argast will take off those boxing gloves we'll buy him a drink. He's in training for the 1953 Golden Gloves Tournament and plenty eager, too. Gunga Dean is a sportsman, too. He's water buy for the Chicago Bears.

Here comes Smilin' Andy Andrews. Give him a little drum roll. His latest show just completed a 48-weeks' engagement in the Men's Room of the Los Angeles Depot. Accompanying him is his chorus, which includes Lulu La Rue Laurich, Pearl Osterberg, Wiggles Wigger, Joan L. Sullivan, Belly Watling, Buzzie Bee, Legs Lyman, Ginger Gerou and Georgia Raffa. Boy, are they stacked! And those lovely hair creations of Monsieur Zelenko. Joy Boy Byrne is arranging some hot licks for the new show, which is due to open in the Holland Tunnel.

Phil Black, now a maintenance man for dictaphones and hearing aids, A.C. or D.C., has put a sidecar on his motorcycle so that he may haul his family. And here's Joe Collins. Say a few words, Joe: "So, I'm standing at the corner of Hollywood and Vine when this beautiful girl in a convertible . . ."

Fearless Frank Fearon, the man of a thousand laughs, has been elected president of the Sunshine Club. Aussie Austin, now oil tycoon of Wynnewood, is running for mayor on the "more-potatoes" platform. With him is Goose Goss, Oklahoma's finest "roughneck," who claims his oil wells are three quarts a day of 90 proof. And, look, they're both wearing shoes.

One-Horse Shea is telling about his weird experiences on a kiddies' bedtime story program. Father Hein, wearing a neon halo, is toting a mail sack for Uncle Sam. Louis Paquette is mad at Hein because he won't let him send naughty pictures through the mail. Jeeter Runyan, riding a Blue Ox, insists that the 230 C.E. is a rob.

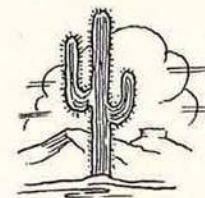
The lights are dimming for the first act of the floor show. And who's heading the troupe?—Bubbles Wilson. And he's on roller skates. That same pair with the flat wheels. The next number features Peaches Patterson, now a female impersonator.

Buttons Bennett just dropped in for a quickie at the bar. He's still walking off those tours that were rapped on him when he was Junior O.D. Oh, oh. Watch it. There's Lt. William M. Berry, hot on his trail. And he's wearing his brand-new Junior G-Man outfit. He's all decked out with a big star, night stick, finger-print set and Official Dick Tracy handcuffs. And gig slips, too. He's looking for someone to do a little work in the (Razz) Berry Patch. Capt. Skaggs has a full-time job modeling for collar ads. Capt. Gigs Garrett is giving Lt. Miller a demonstration of his newly-invented Cadet trap. He is exhibiting numerous pelts for proof.

Loafer Crane is giving out cigars again. He's a father for the tenth time. Of course, it's another girl. What else? Hey, Crane, give Bambi Bamberger a cigar. He's still smoking that perique-infested passion smoke in his pipe. Information Please Barmore, that big, good-looking blonde fellow who reads so well, has built a better bombsight. Its greatest feature is the automatic rake.

And for the tenth straight year Lieut. Whipple is voted the "Man of the Year" by 43-5. Here comes Lt. Merton (Eat'em Alive) Whipple now. Wonder what he's up to. Let him get in a word: "Hey, you guys, break it up. We've got a lot of bombs to drop. And get this room cleaned up or you'll all be confined."

That just about winds up the reunion of the decade. But we'll be back, same place, same time in another few years.





# enter . . . the Class . . . with glamor . . .



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WINTER AT MINTER

"Bombs Away!" cried the Bombardier,  
When he heard the click as the bomb went clear,  
Down and down it sped through space,  
As he sat and watched with an ashen face.  
He was keeping his eyes on the target below.  
When far to the left came that dreaded glow.  
He faced the instructor whose face was quite red,  
With a half-hearted, "Must be the ship up ahead."  
Now he's all finished bombing and he's looking much thinner,  
'Cause the steaks aren't as thick or as frequent at Minter!

—Joseph Harper Collins

# MISSION COMPLETED . . . SIR . . .

For when I die, bury me deep,  
With an E6-B at my feet.  
Place a 12-C form upon my chest,  
And tell my instructor I did my best.

(Stolen from ready-room bulletin board.)



