



Stuttgart

ARMY AIR FIELD



STUTTGART, ARKANSAS



PREFATORY NOTE

The editors of this booklet, fervent believers in the old Chinese proverb that a picture is worth ten thousand words, present this collection of photographs of the around-the-clock activities of Uncle Sam's sons and daughters in the Army Air Forces.

The Stuttgart Army Air Field is one of the largest advanced two-engine training bases of the far flung Southeast Training Center, whose headquarters are at Maxwell Field, Ala. It is also an important unit of the Flying Training Command, being part of the 28th Flying Training Wing. Its specific job is to turn out the best combat pilots in the Army Air Forces.

Flying first started at this field in October of 1942, four months after the ground was broken in the center of what is known as the "Grand Prairie", the only prairie section in Arkansas, where vast fields of rice have been cultivated for several decades.

The first six months of the field's history is concerned with the development of the glider as a weapon of war, and many hundreds of the Commandos of the Air, the glider pilots, were trained and commissioned here in what was then the largest advanced glider school in the country. It hopes to repeat that enviable record with its advanced two-engine aviation cadets, who upon graduation here will emerge as flight officers and second lieutenants.

Many other types of training activities go on here, side by side with pilot training. The ground personnel, the men behind the men in the clouds, learn their jobs by doing the day to day routine of maintaining and servicing the scores of training planes and the complete military installation.

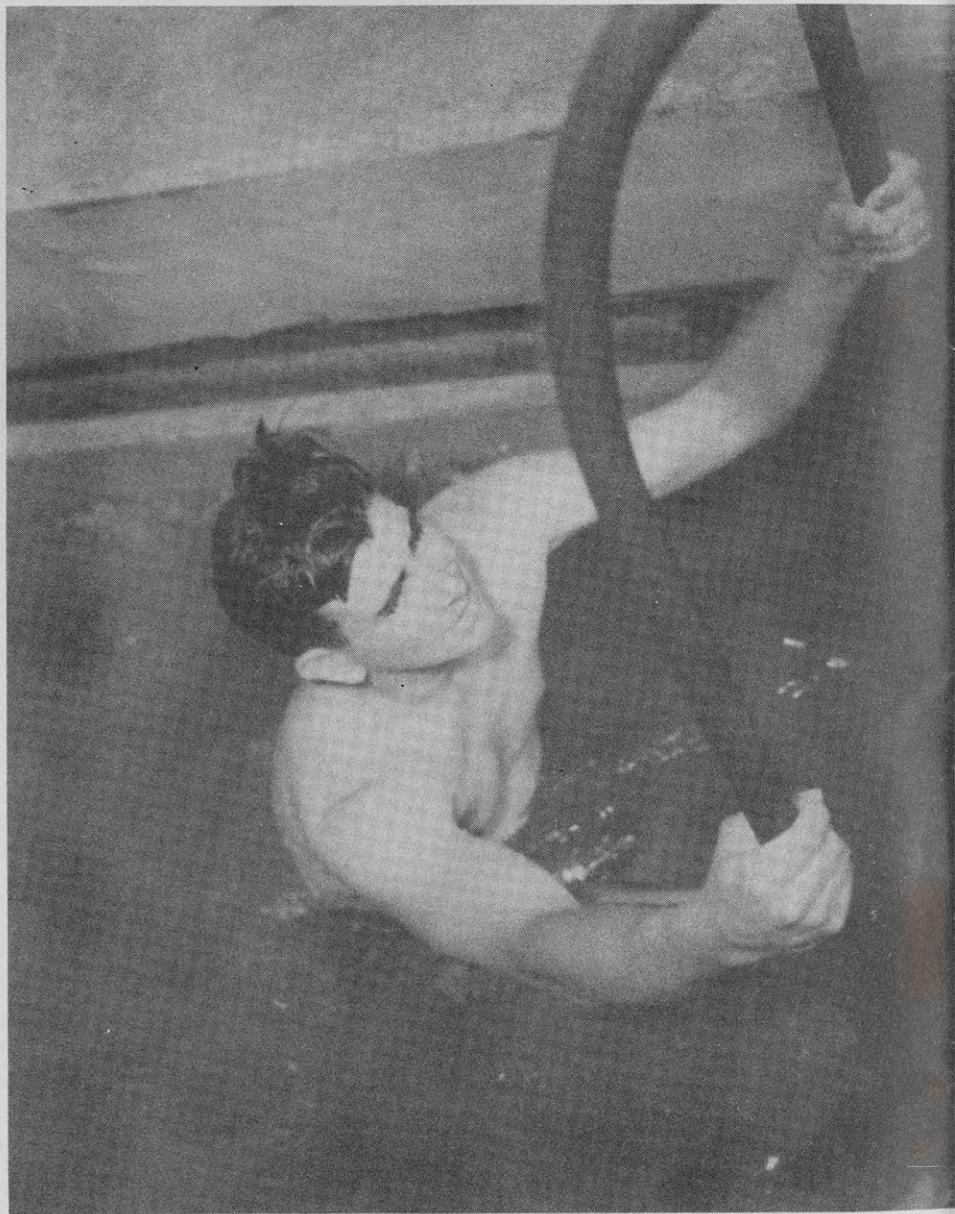
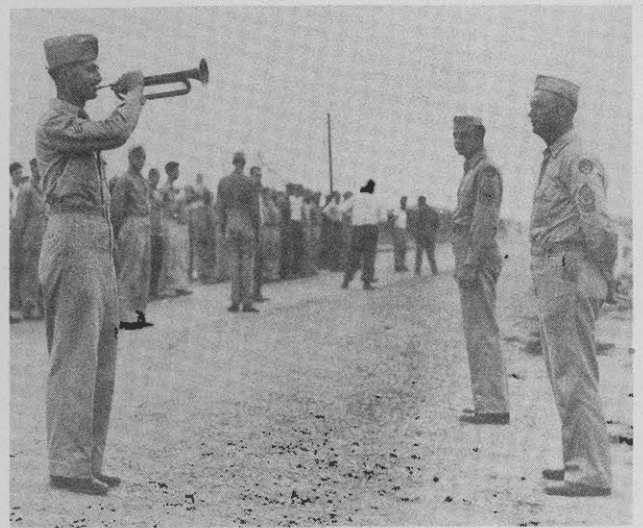
Stuttgart Army Air Field has been since its inception, under the uninterrupted command of Colonel Edgar R. Todd, one of the youngest post commanders in this training center, a rated command pilot and aerial observer and one of the Air Forces' pioneers in the development of the modern bomber. He received much of his training at Brooks Field, where he was one of 13 students of an instructor then known as Lieutenant Claire Chennault.

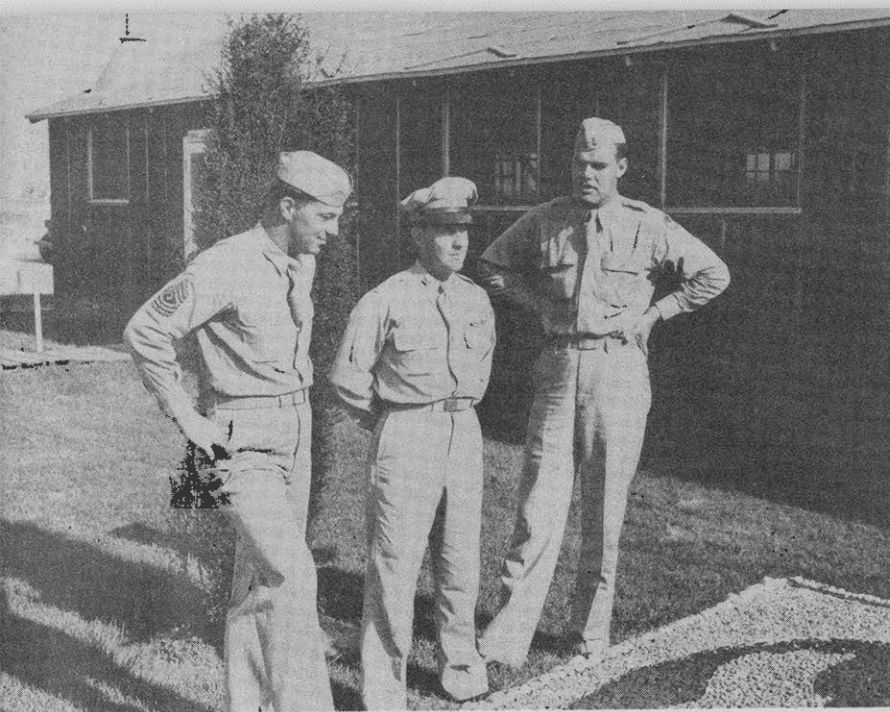
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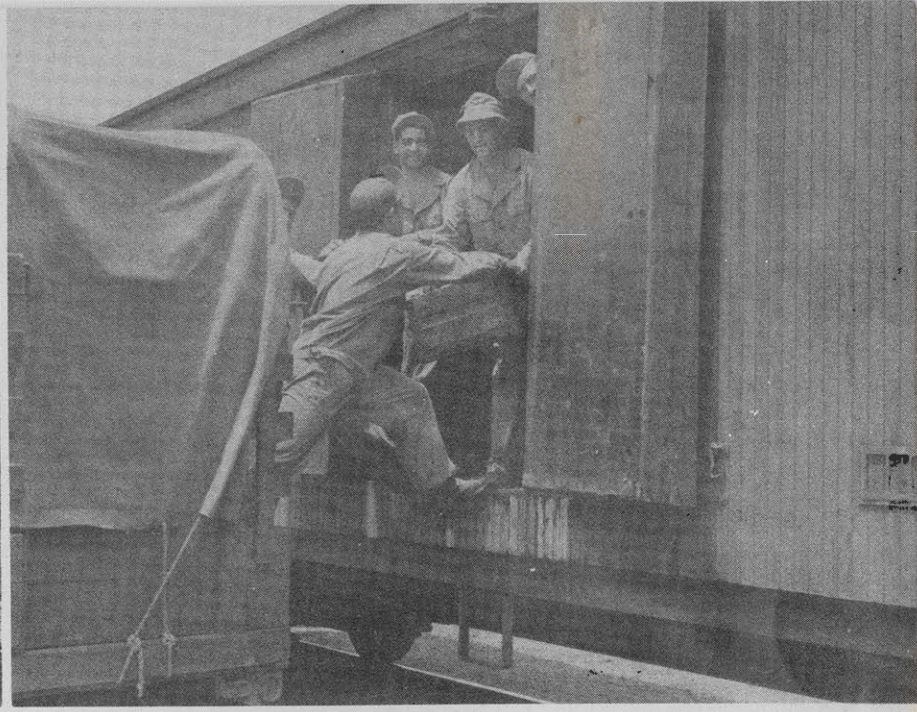
EARLY MORNING SCENES





Planning the Day

Morning Report



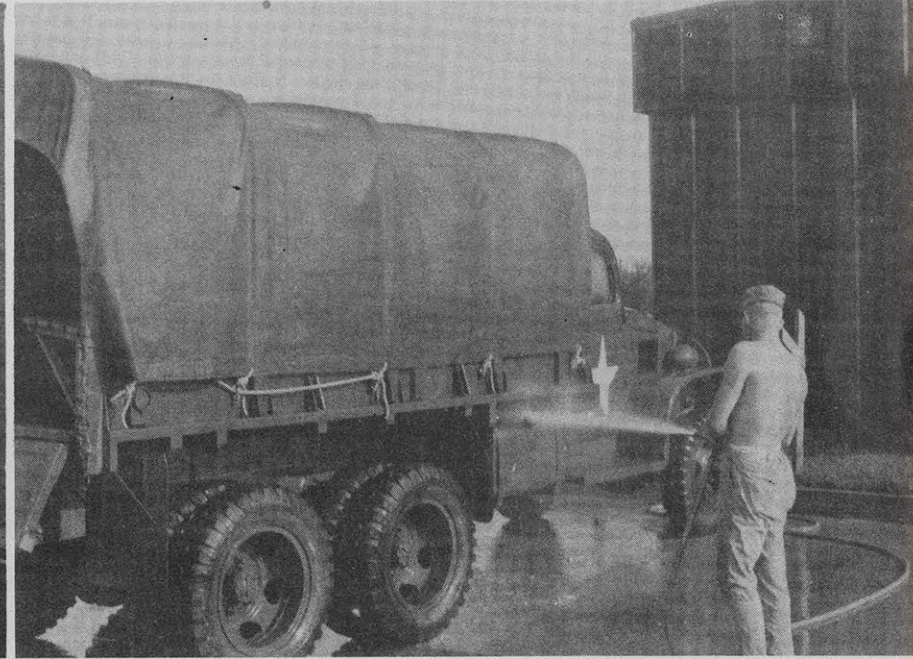
Meeting the Milk Train

Getting Ready to Roll

ALL IN A DAY

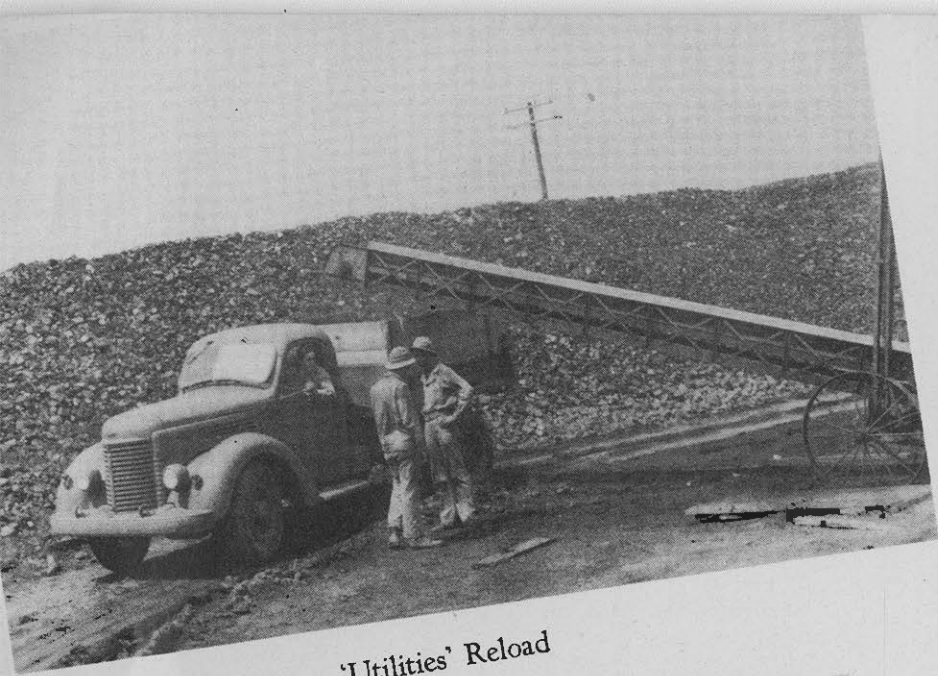


Changing the Guard



Checking the Main Gate

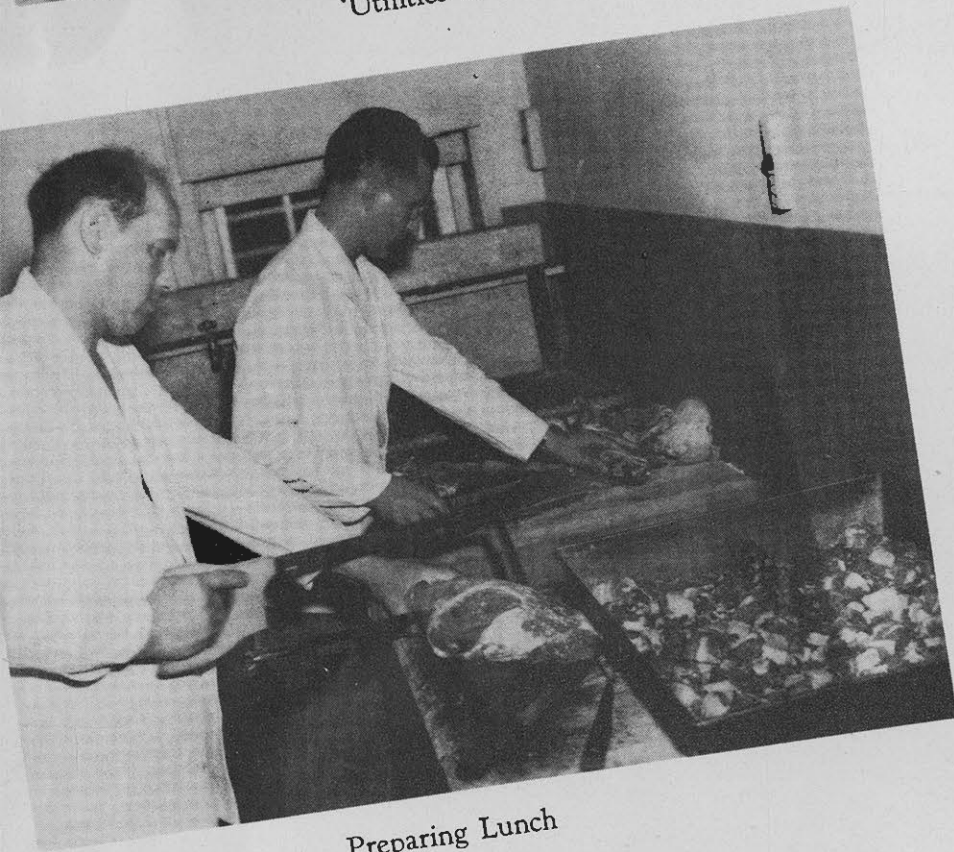




'Utilities' Reload



Squadron Supply

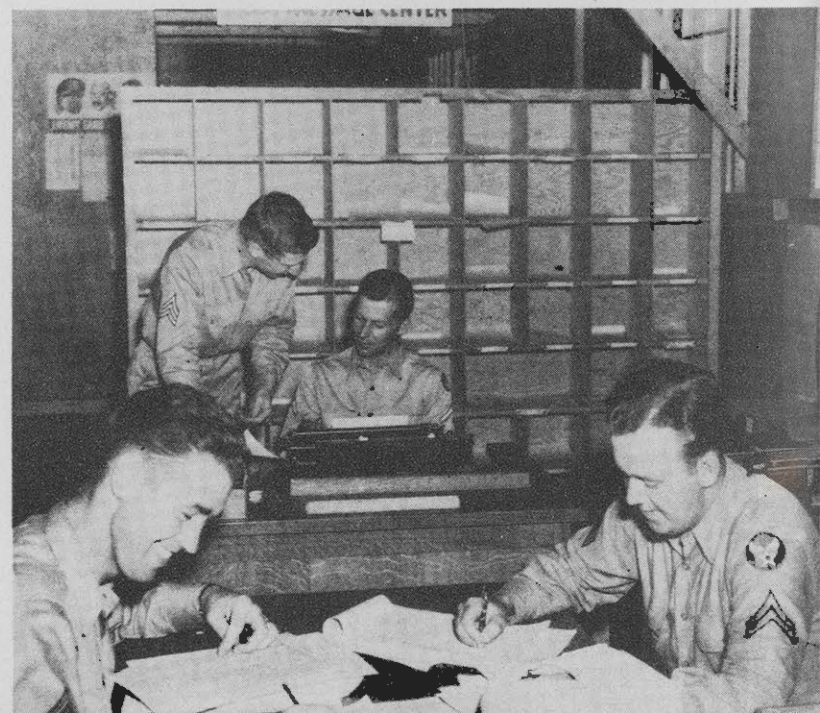


Preparing Lunch

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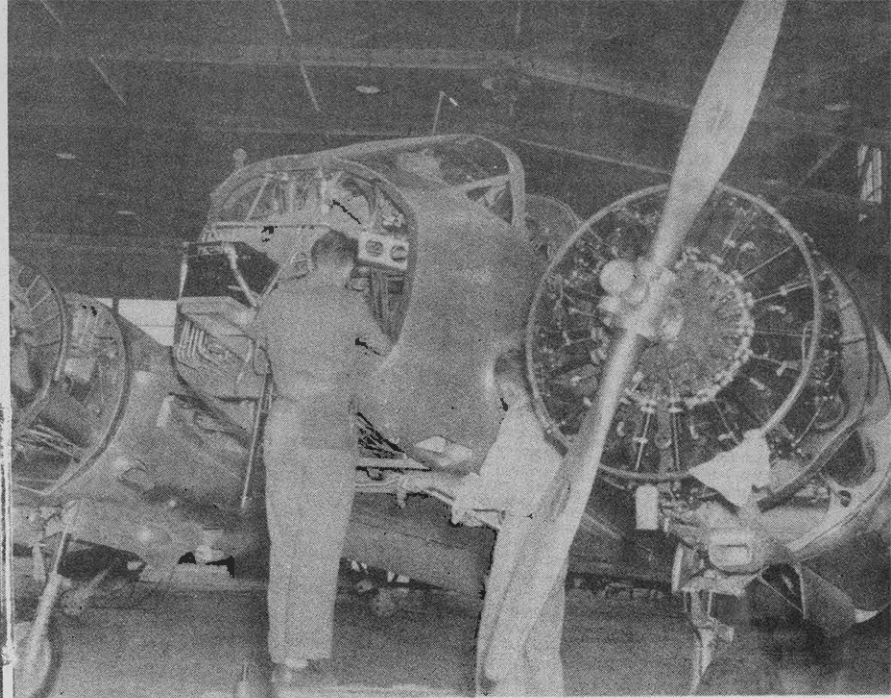
Action, Camera!



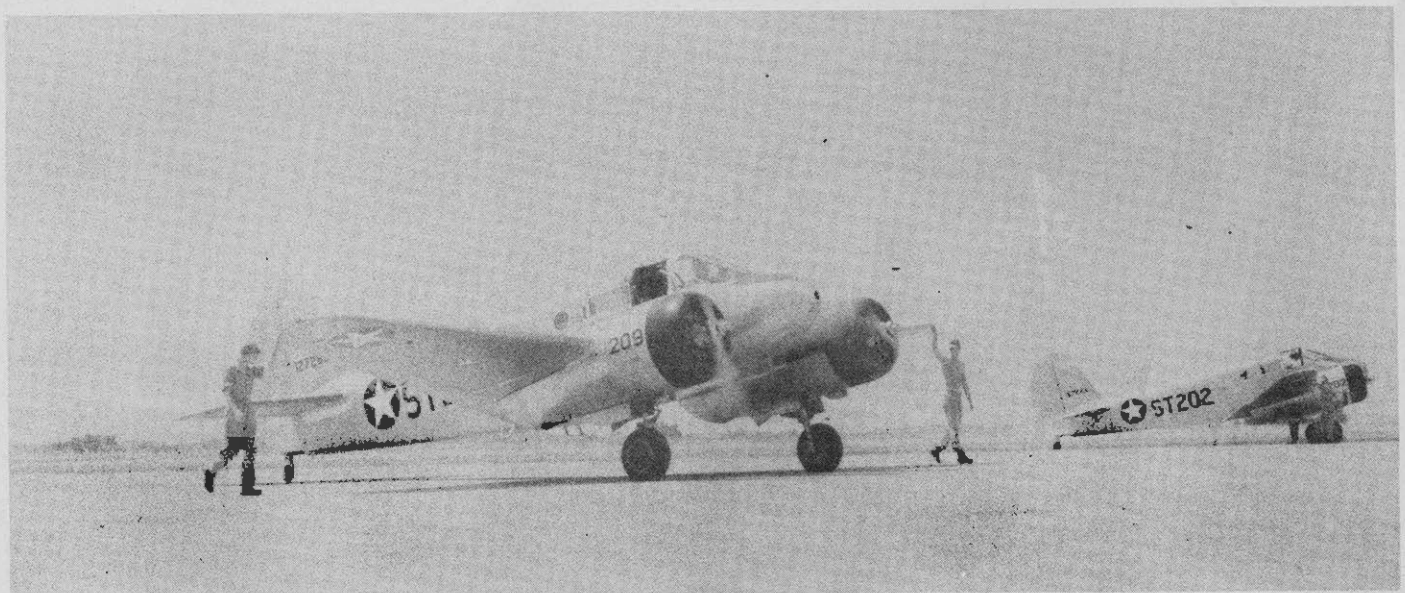
Nerve Center



Mechanic's School



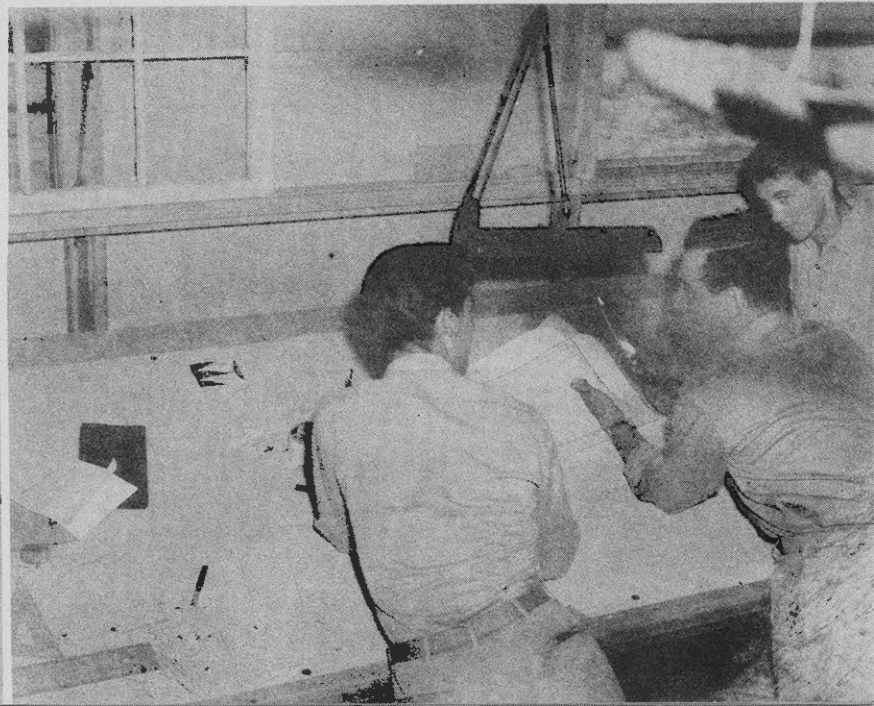
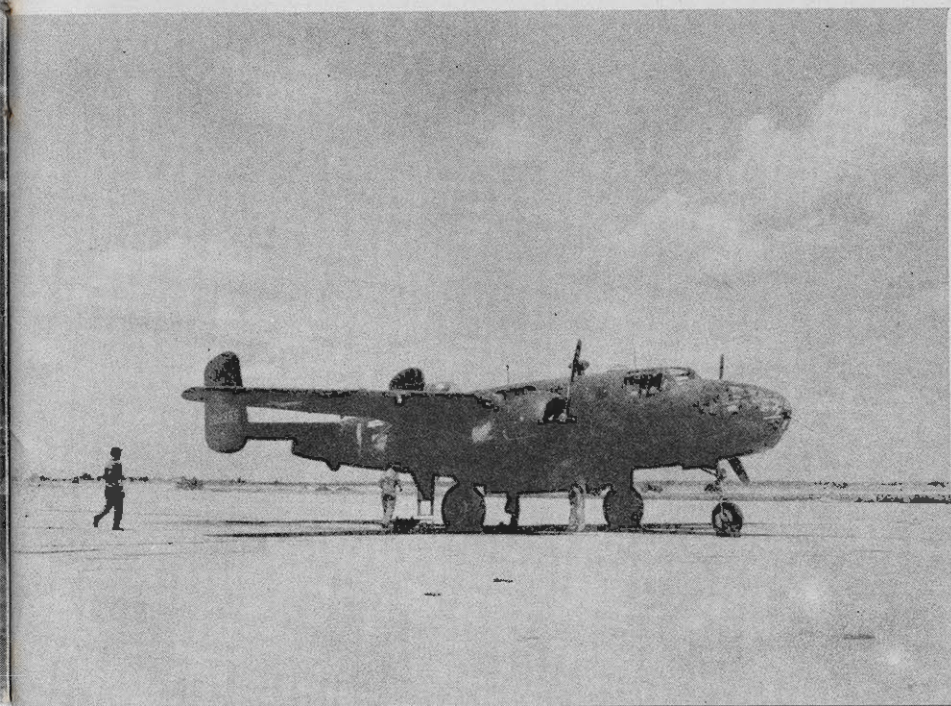
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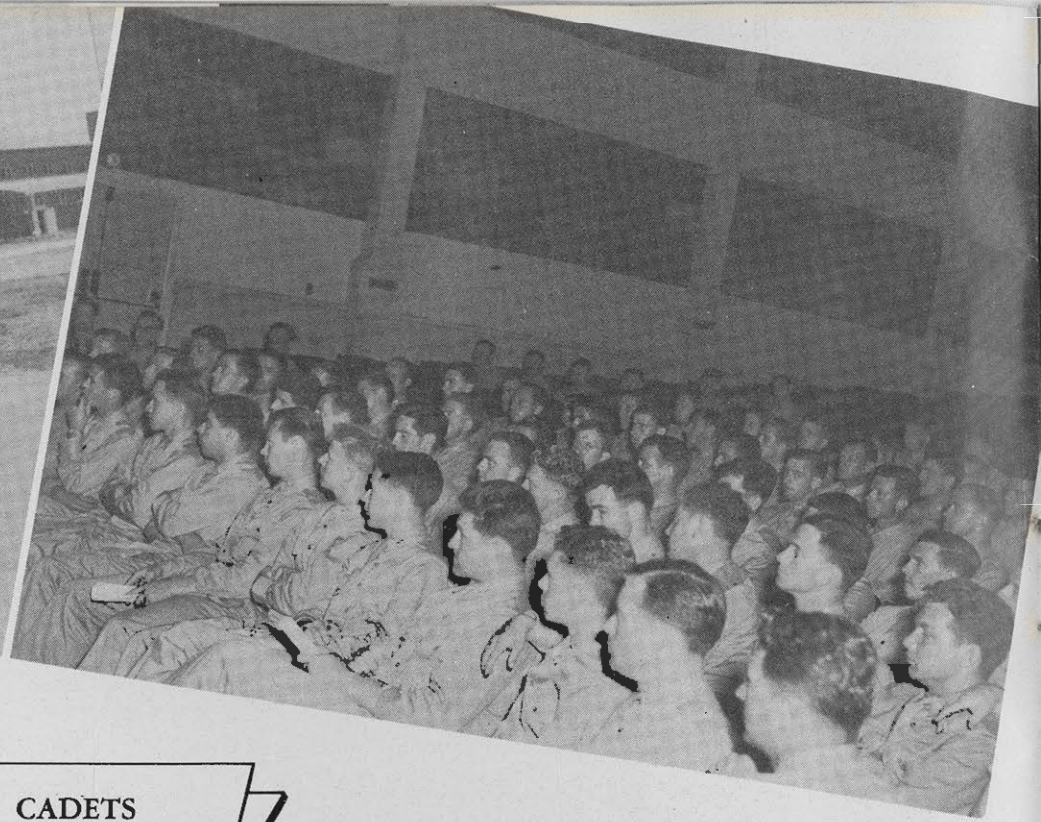
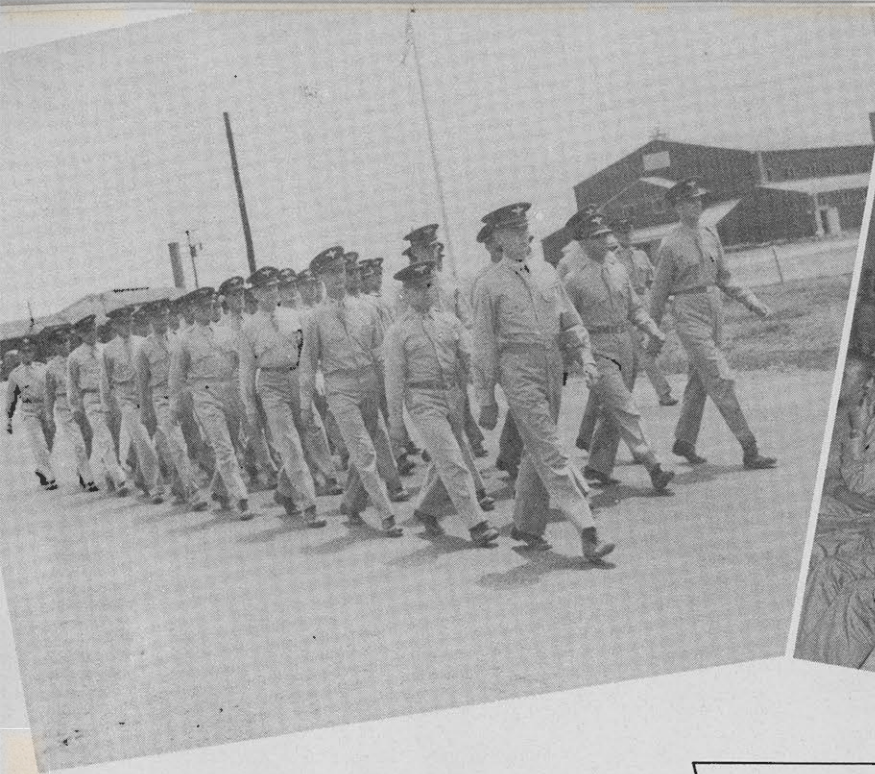


Bringing out to Flight Line

"Big Stuff" Visiting

Training Schedule





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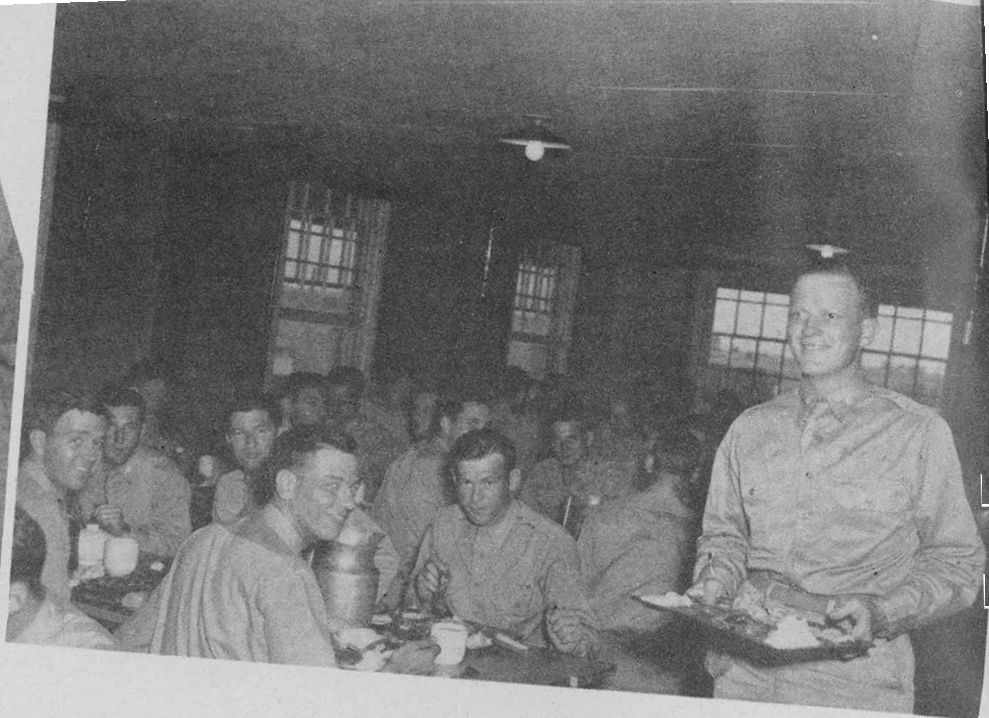


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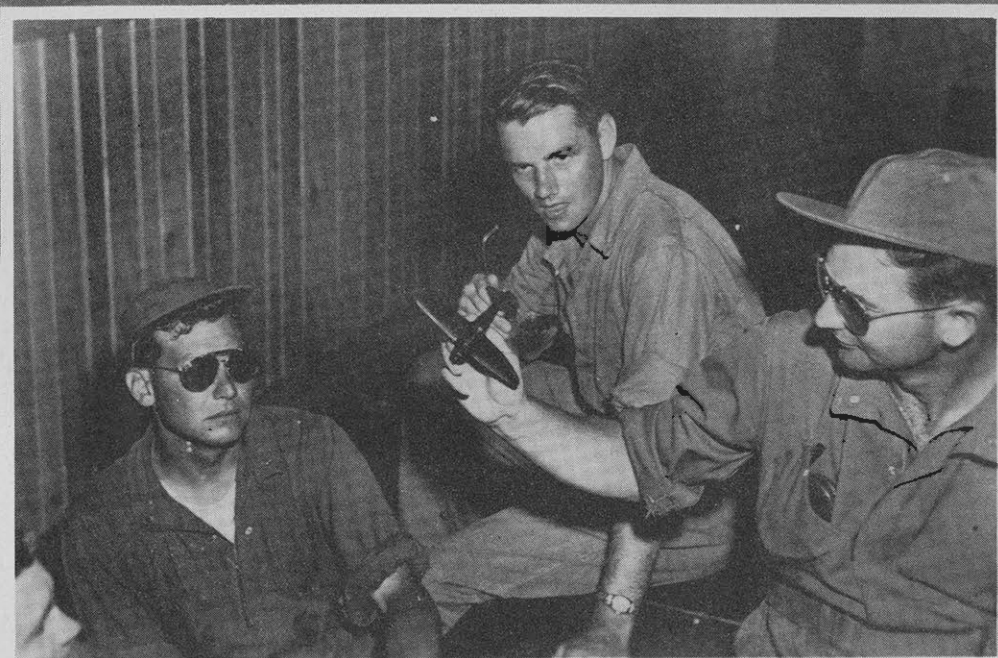
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At Mess

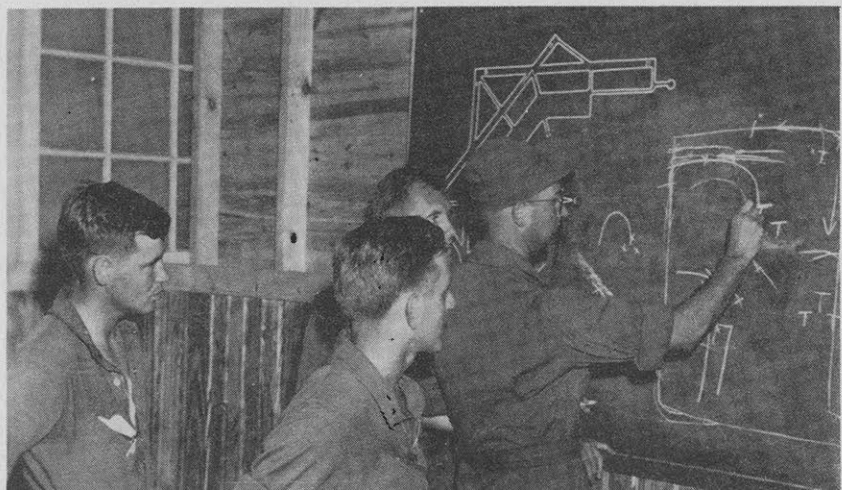
Sweating Out Flight Line





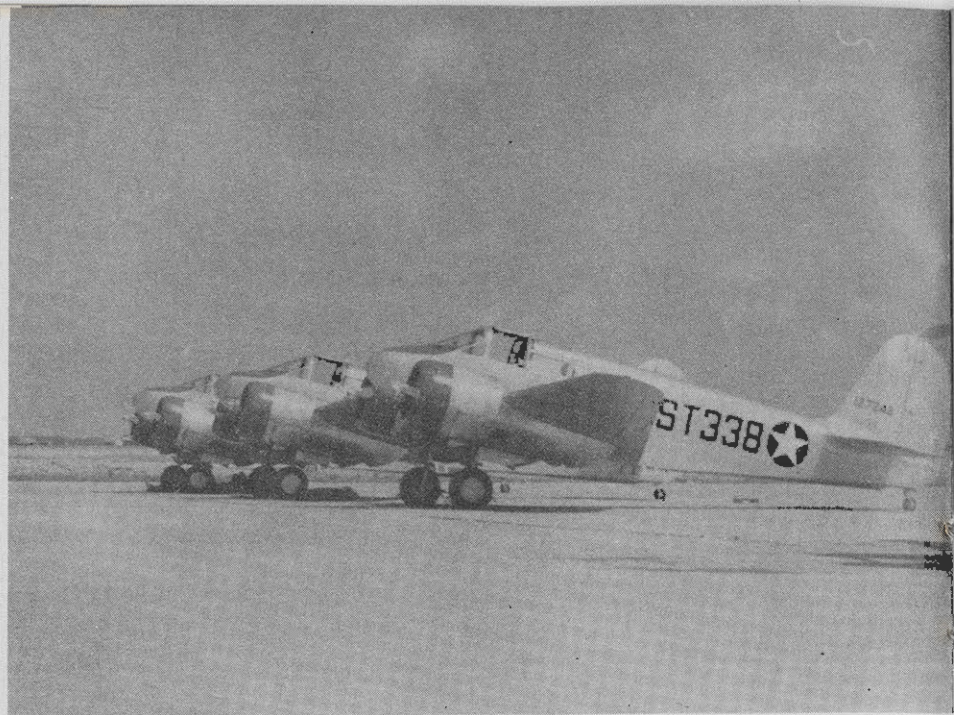
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Briefing





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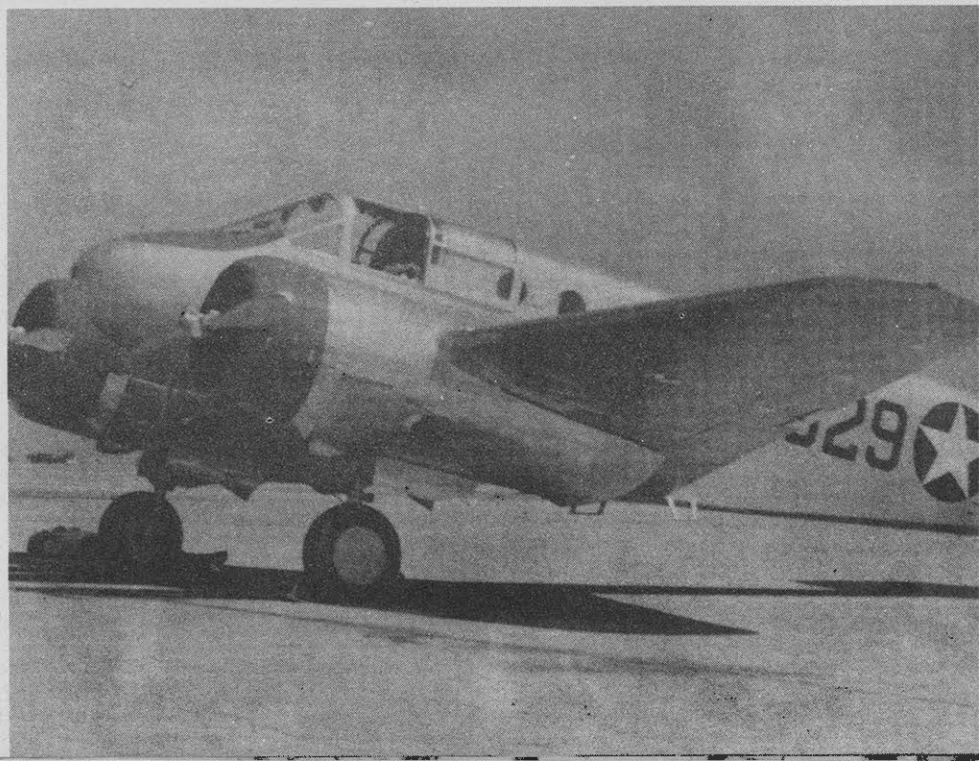
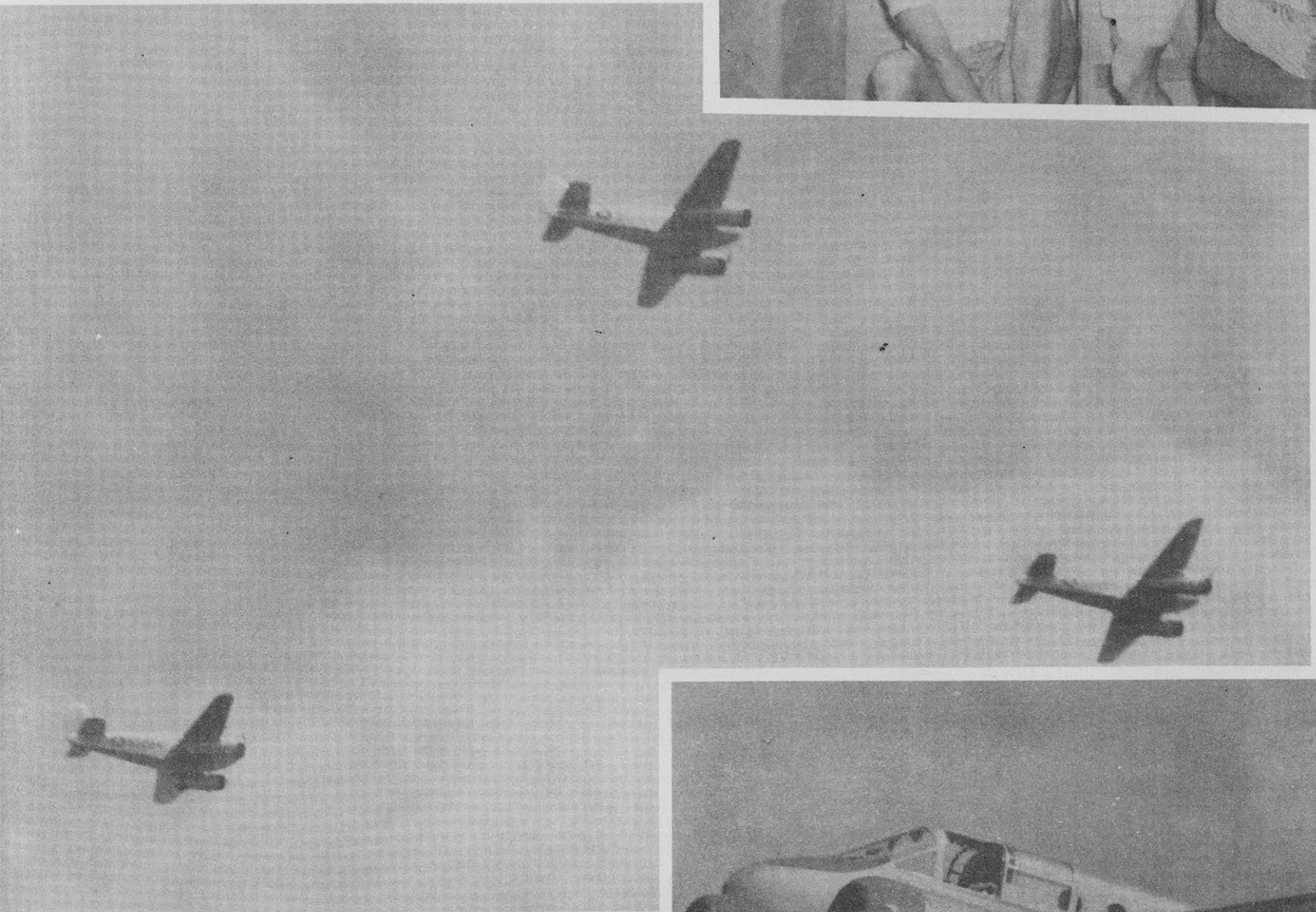


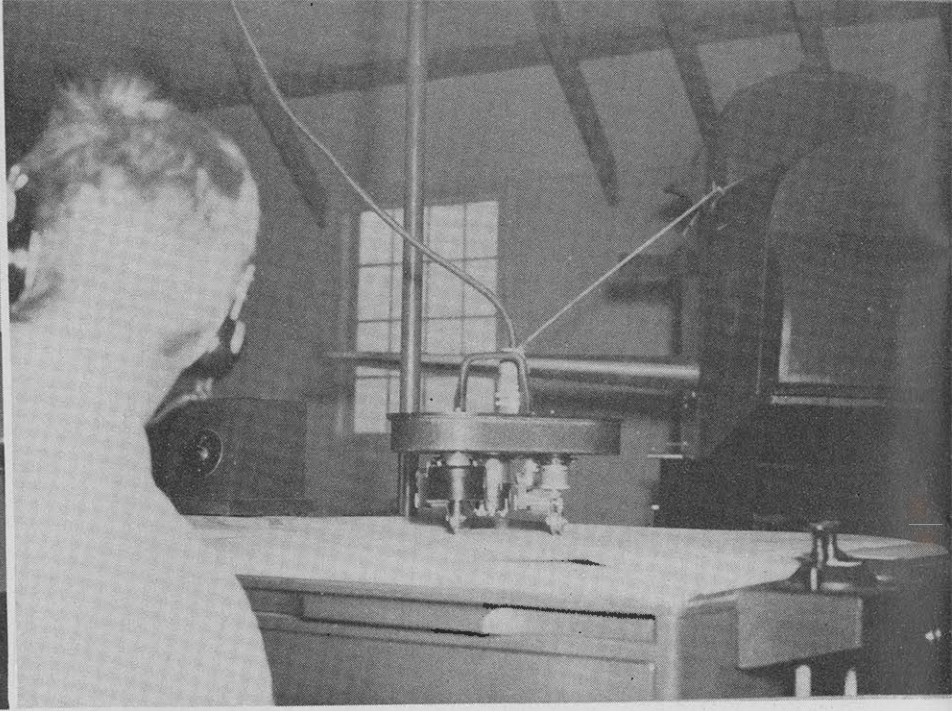
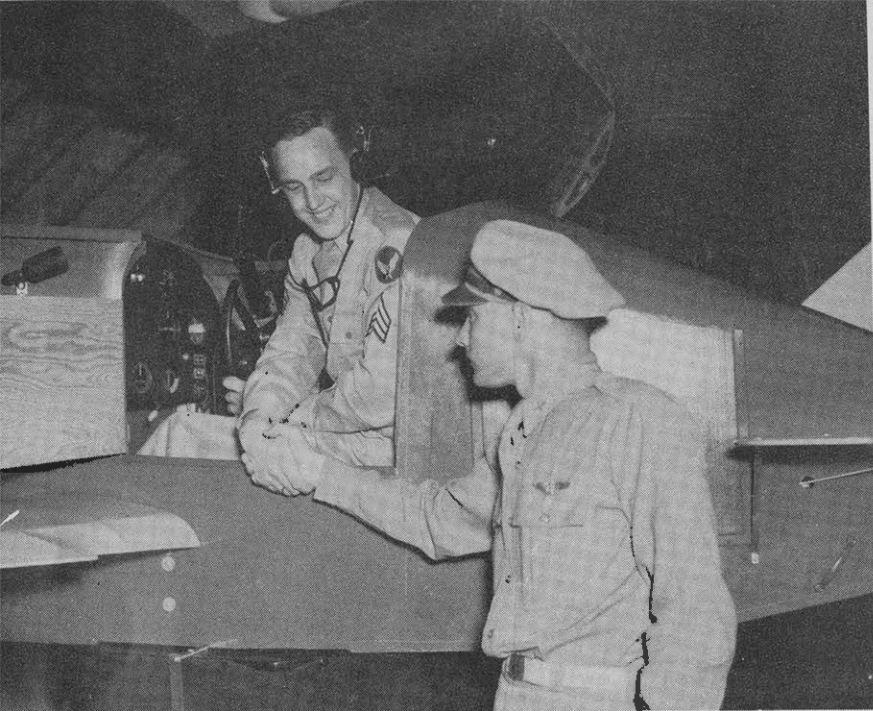
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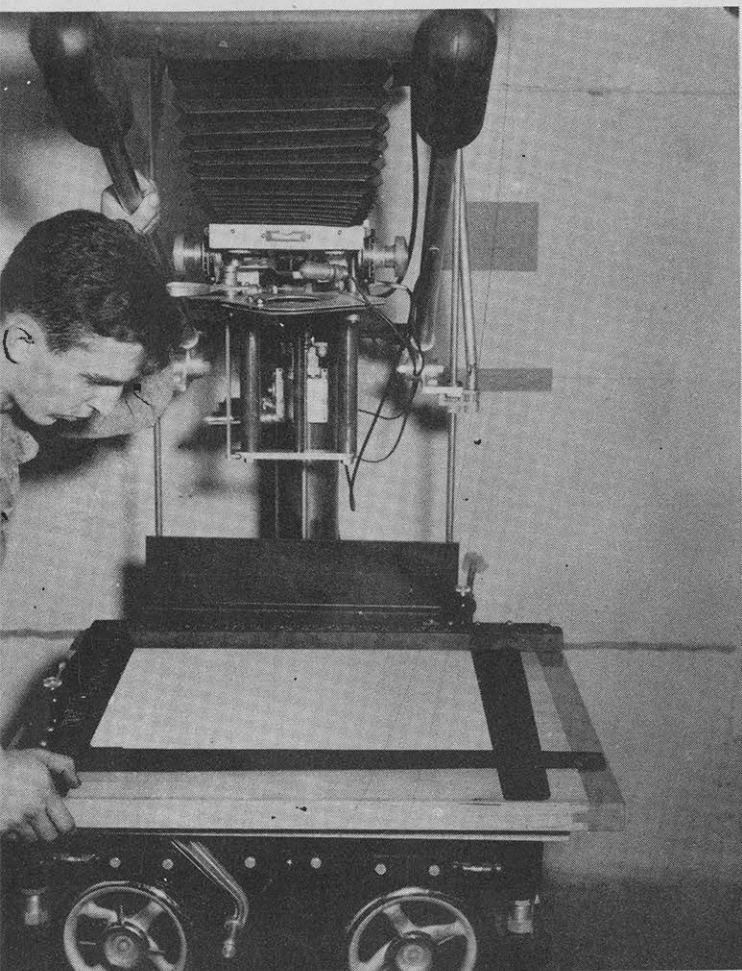
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Link Trainer

SOME OF THE DEPARTMENTS



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Post Victory Garden

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Post Band



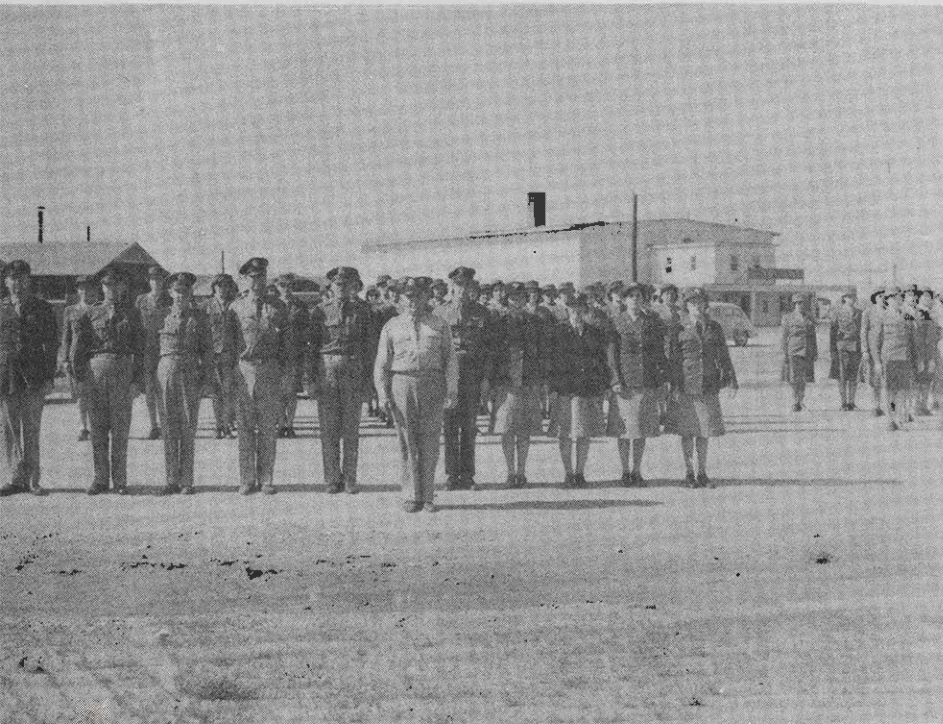


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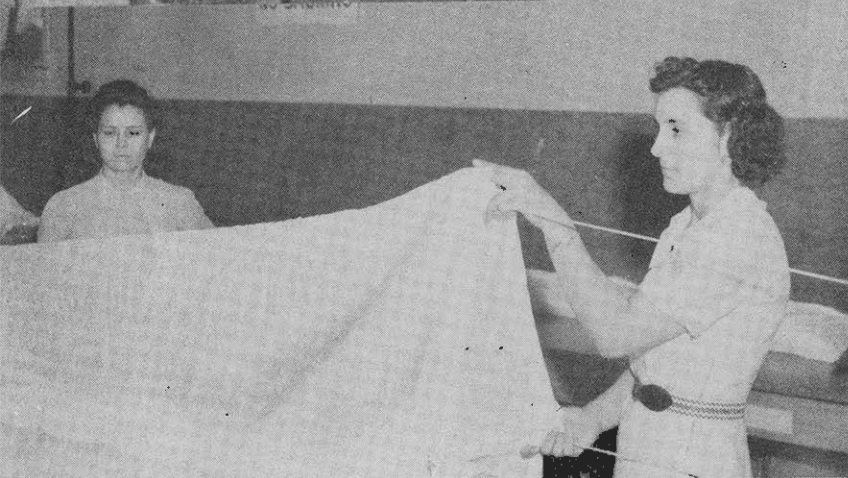
MORE WACs





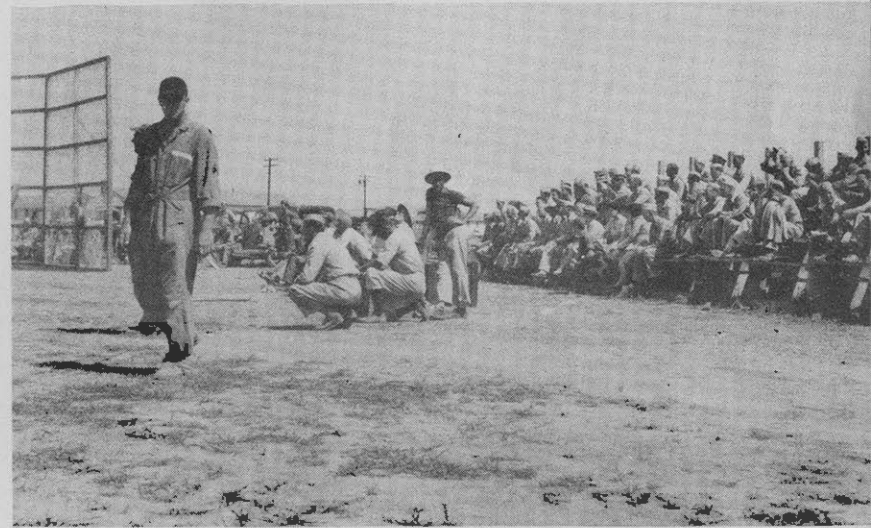
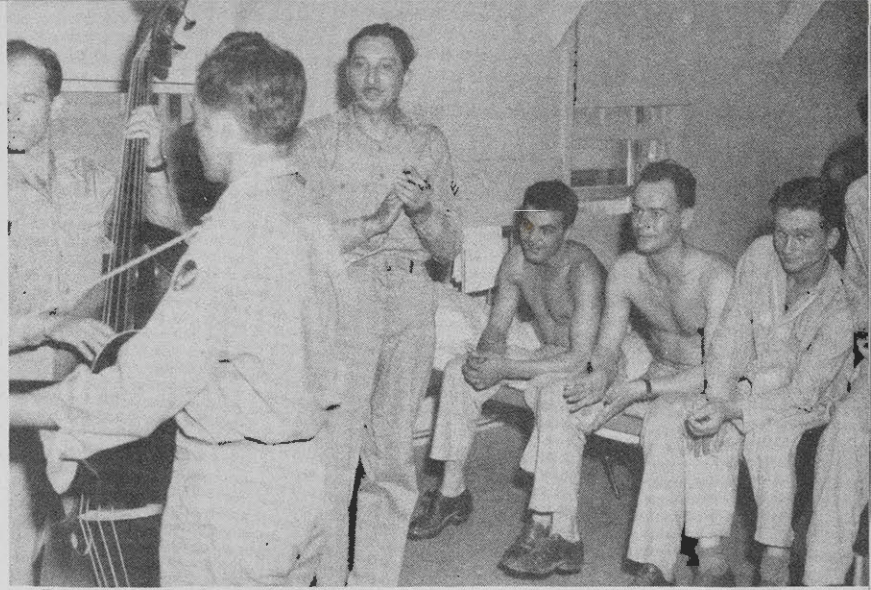
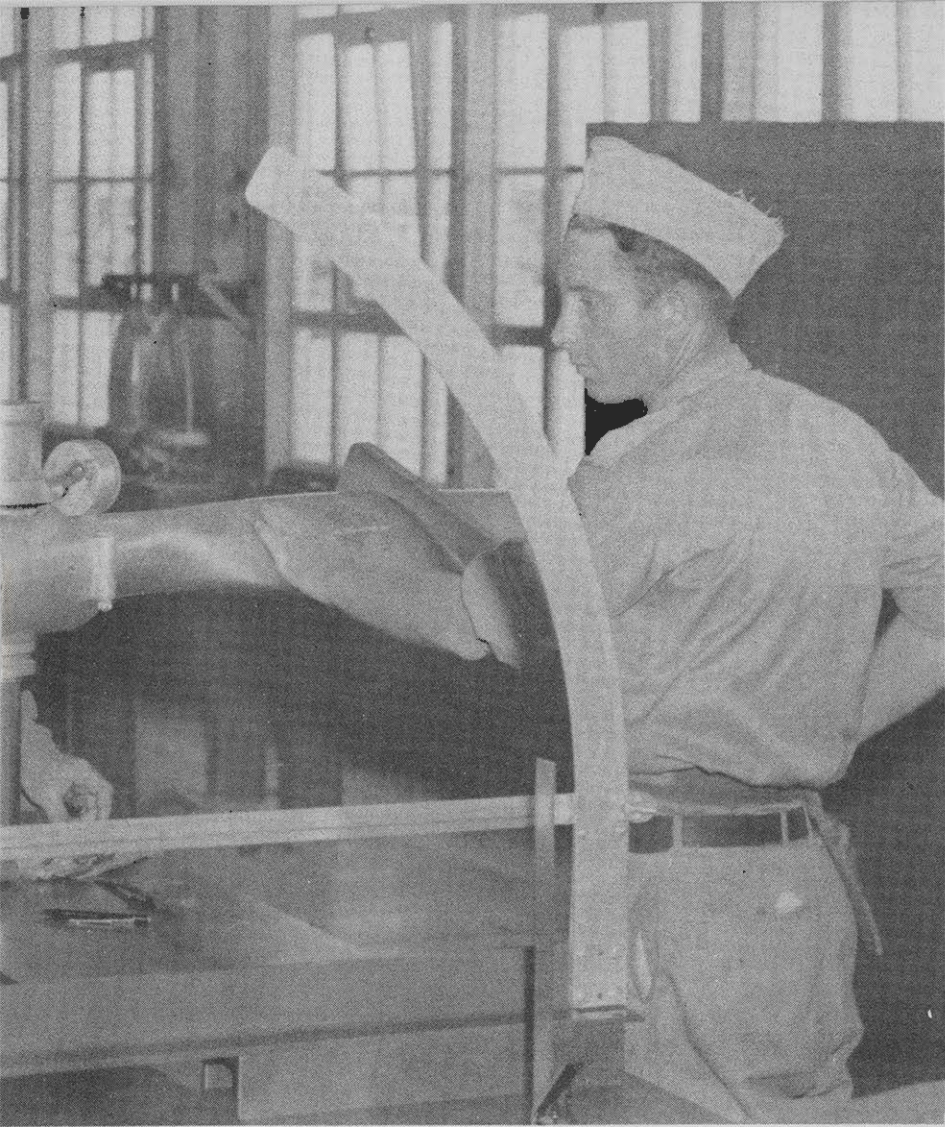
At the Sub-Depot





SUB-DEPOT



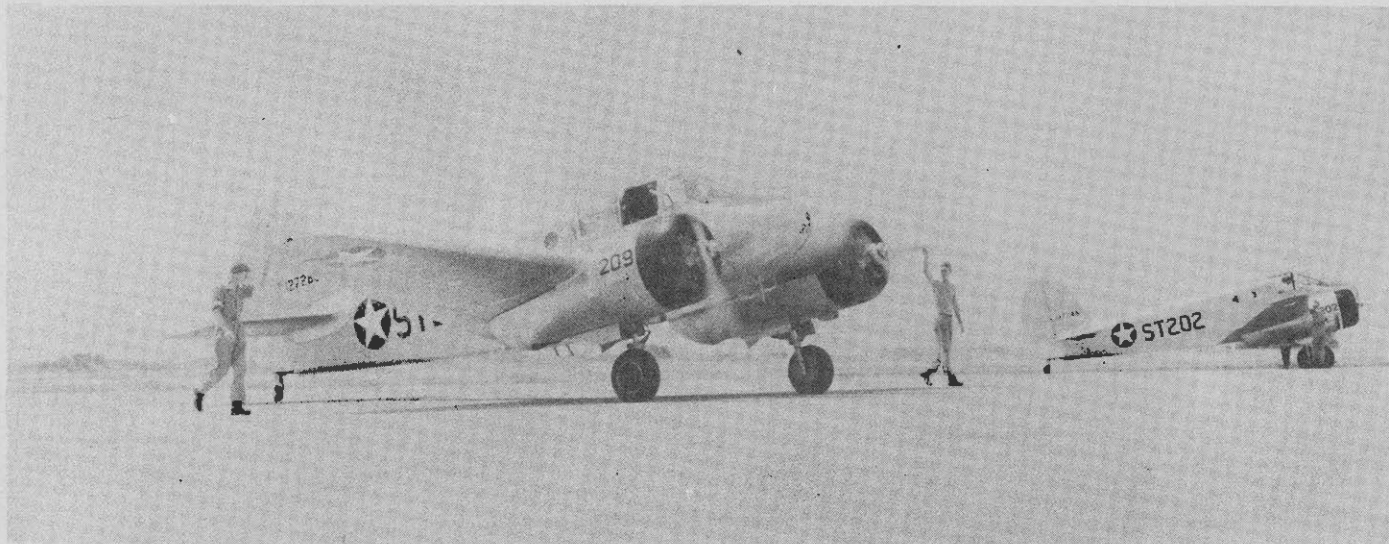


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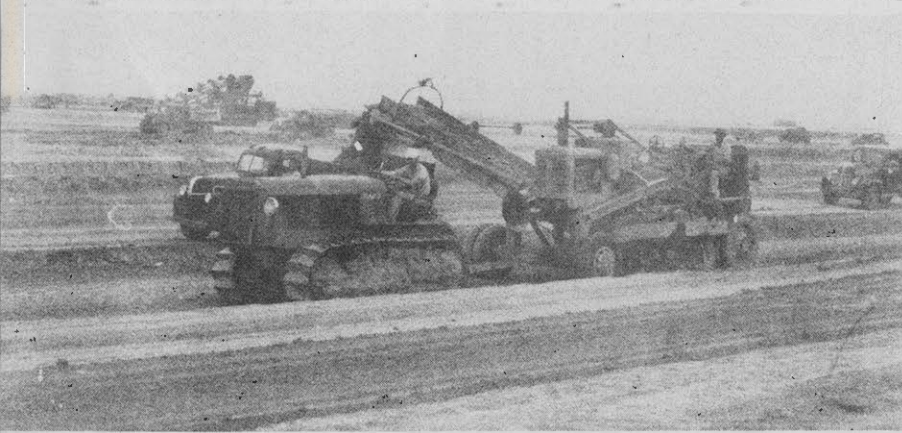
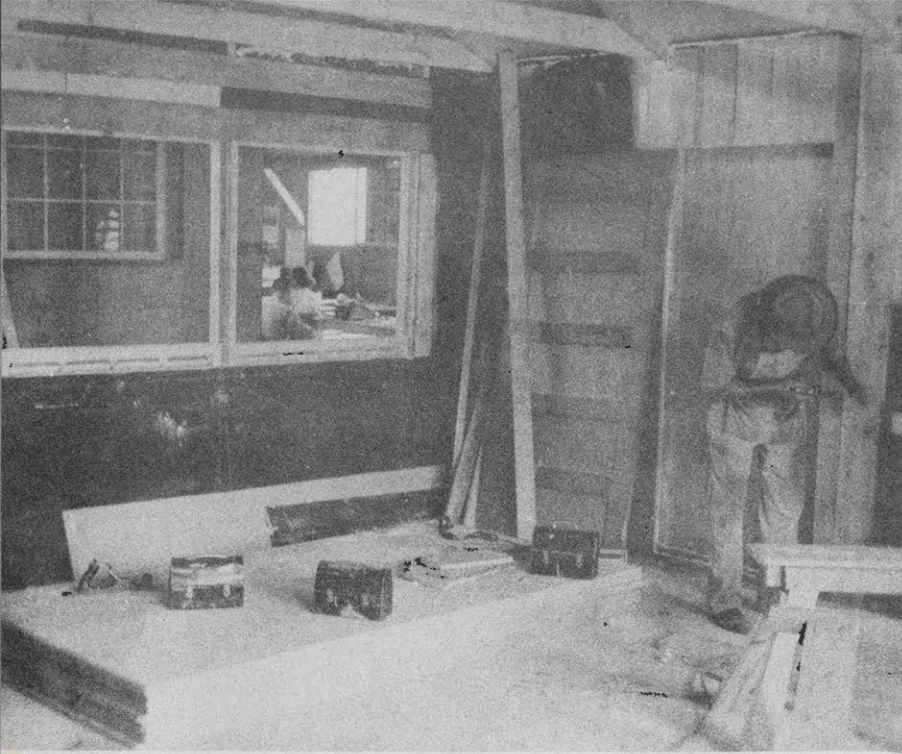


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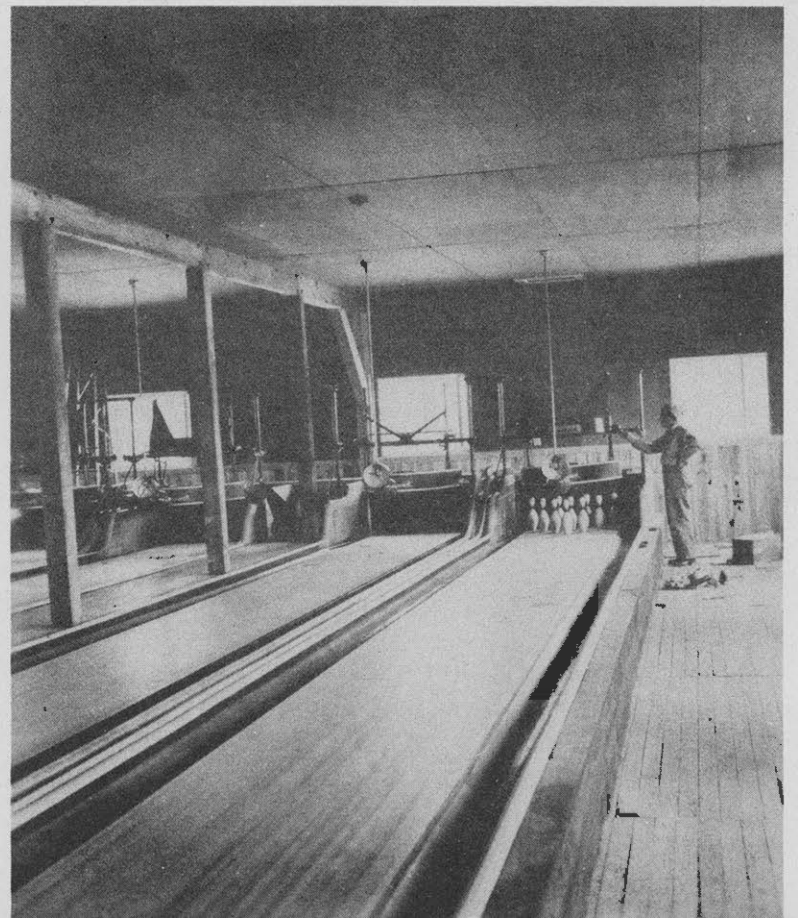


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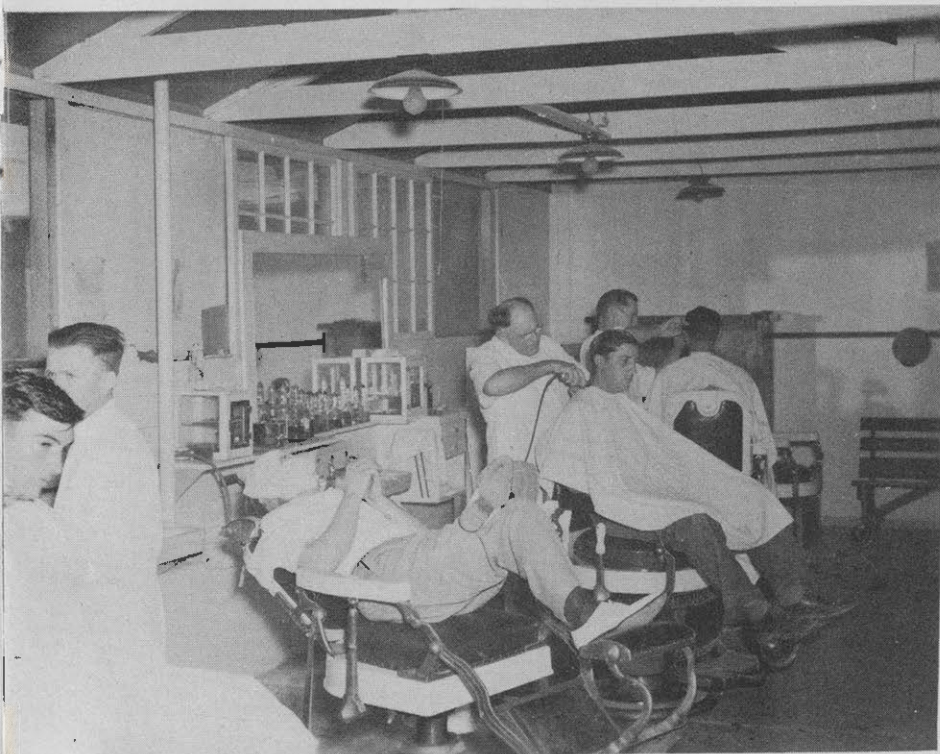
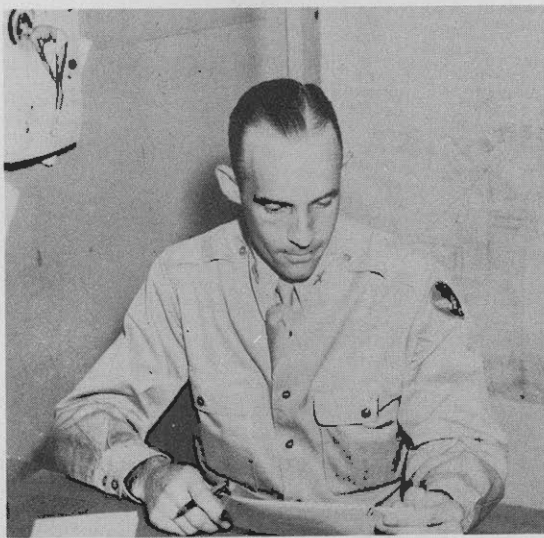


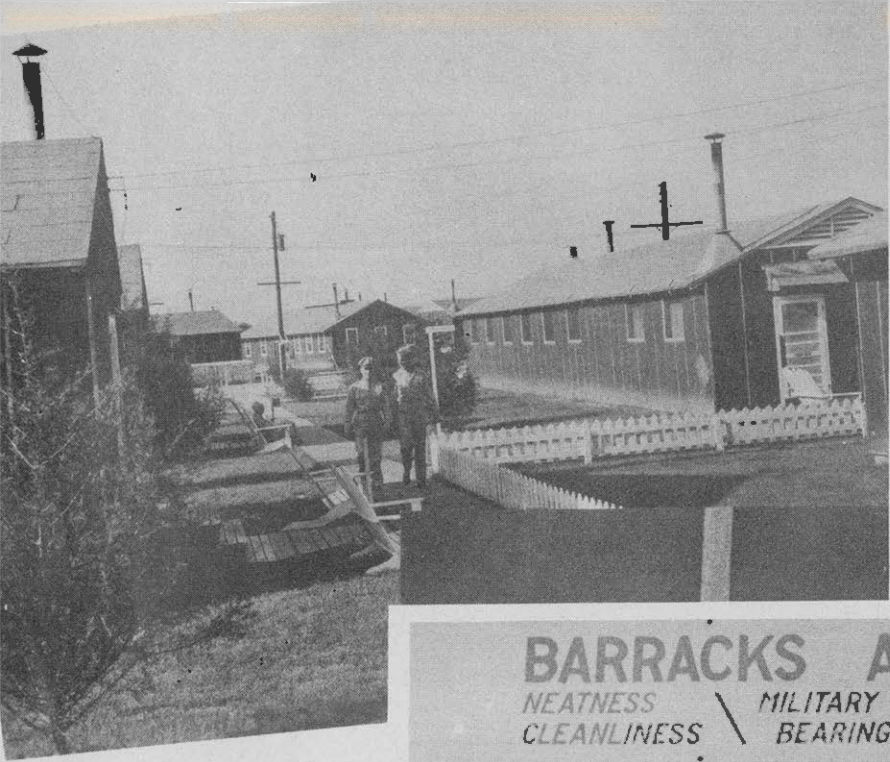
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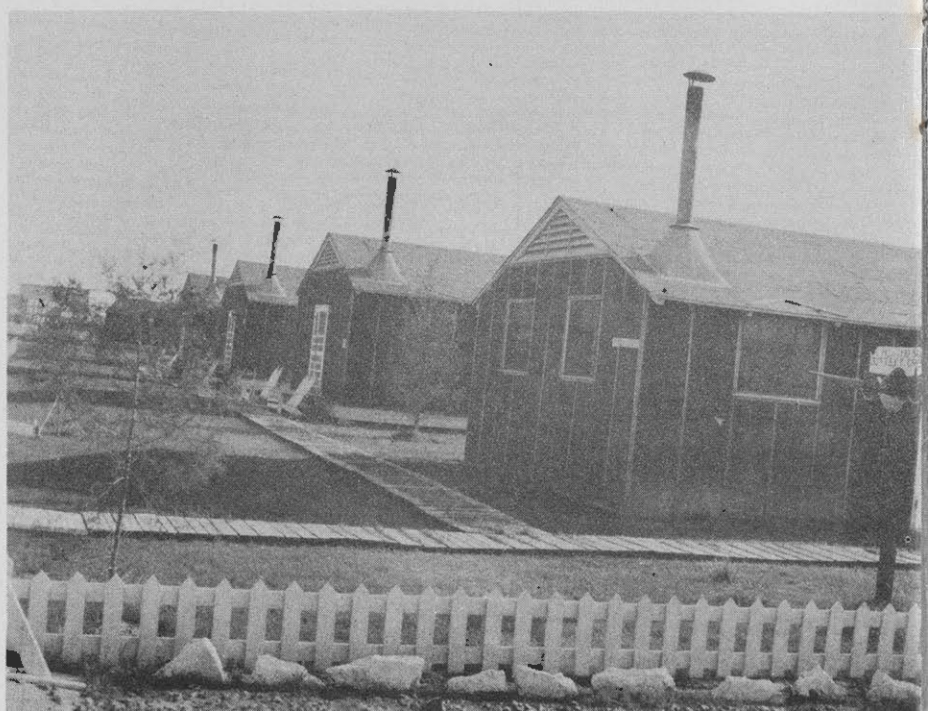
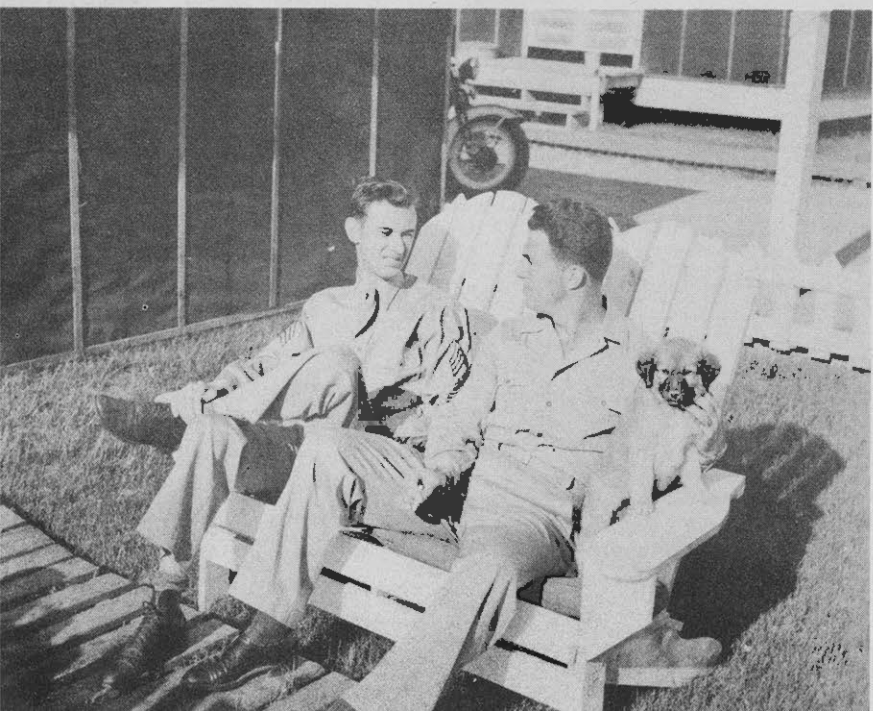


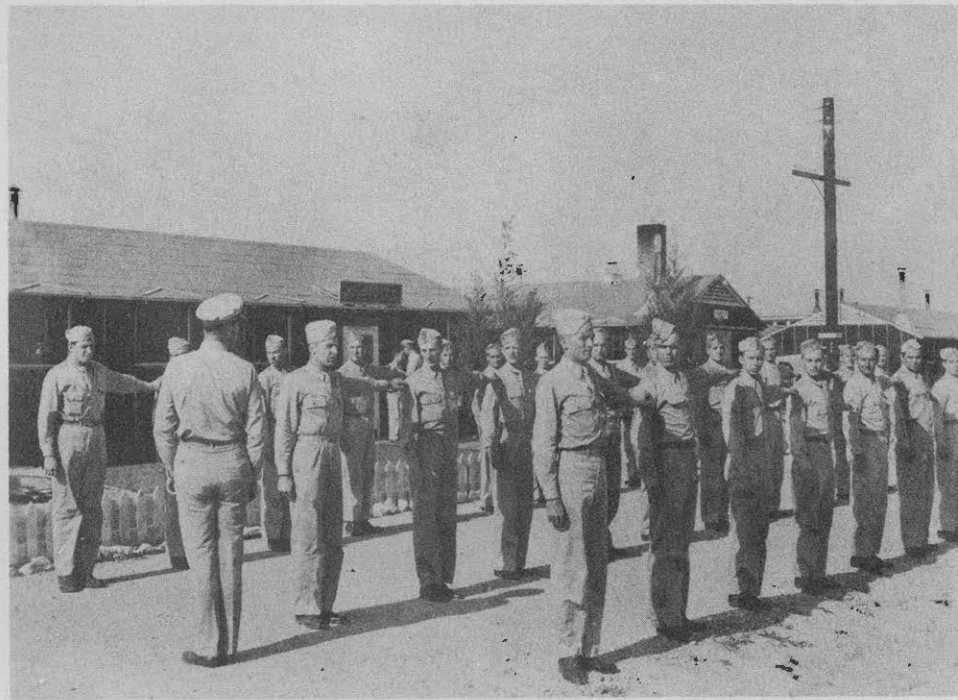
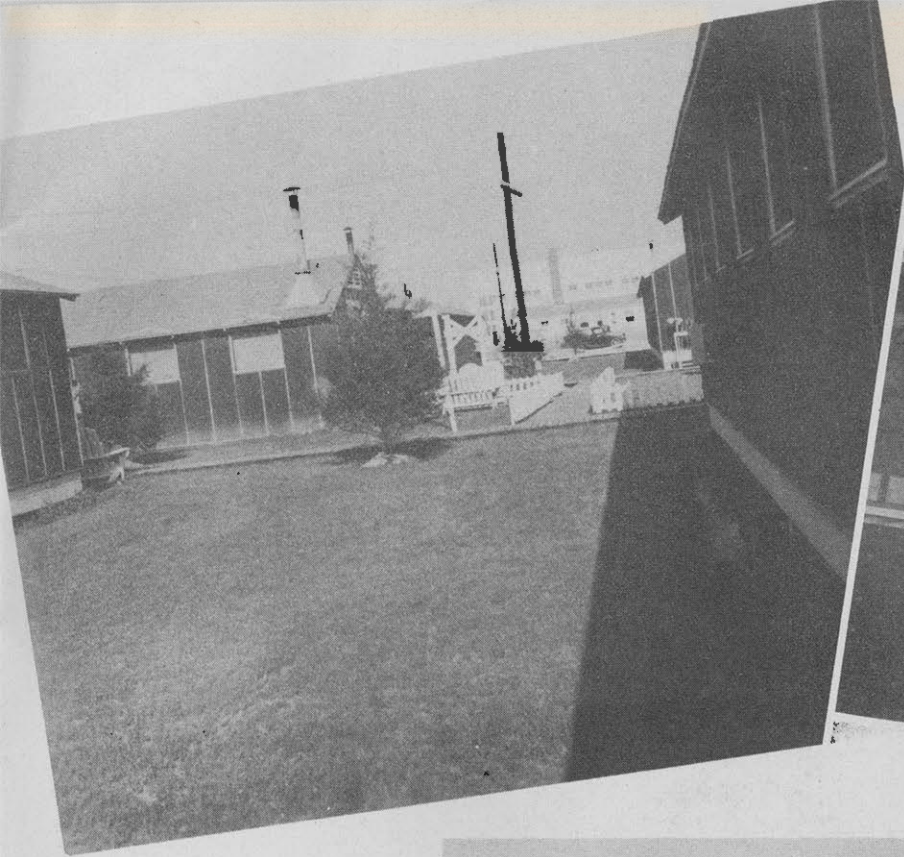


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AROUND
THE BARRACKS



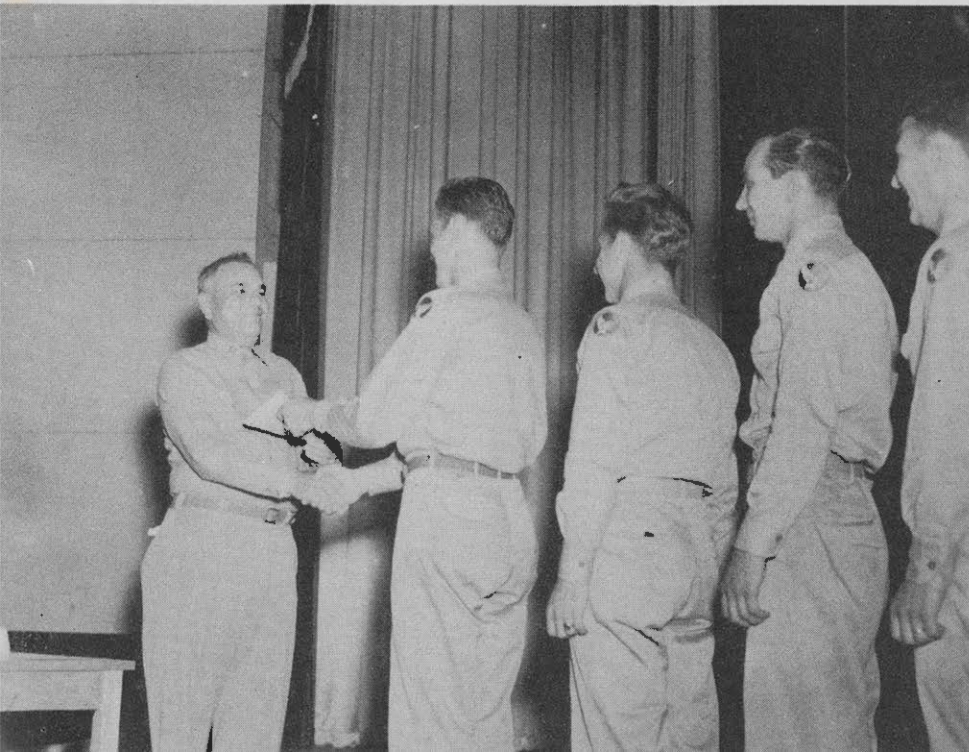


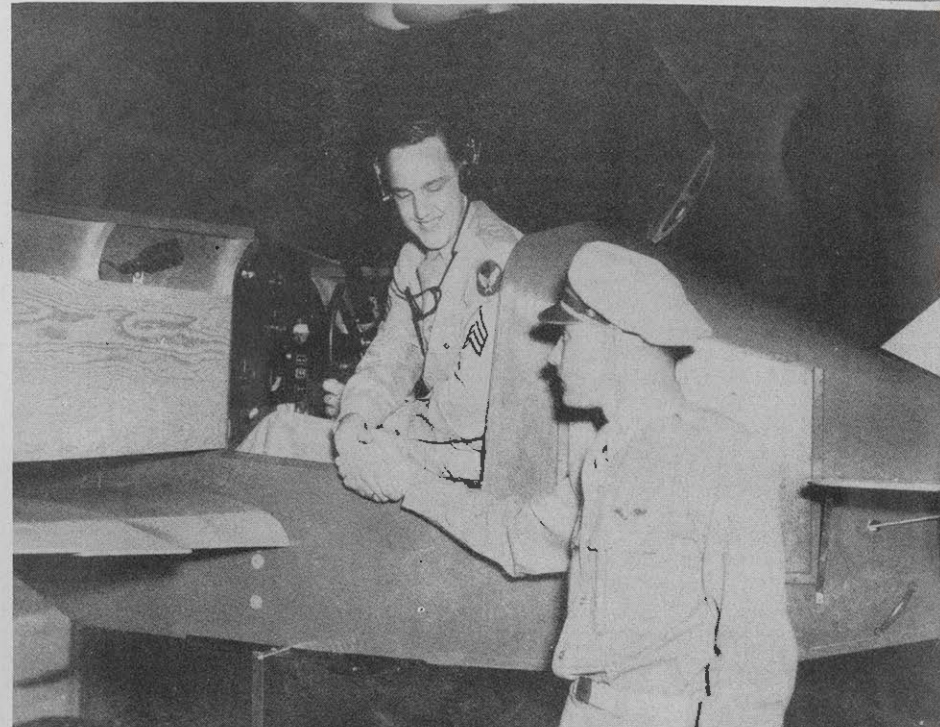
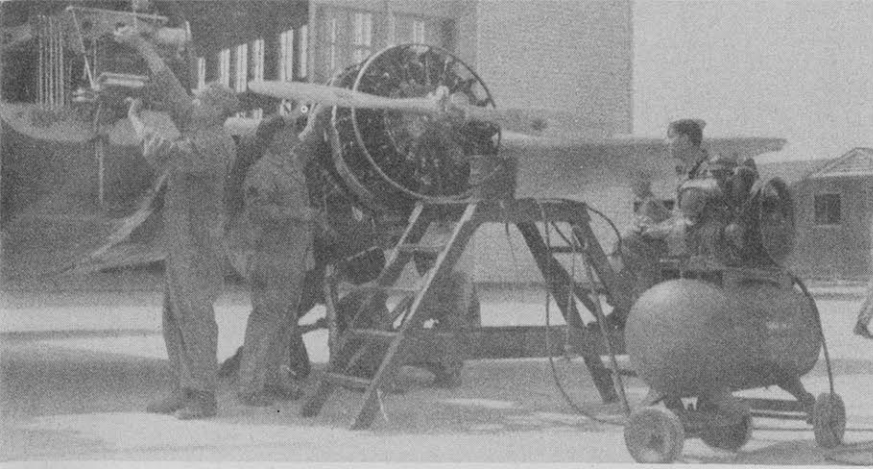


SCHOOLS AND TRAINING



MECHANICS GRADUATE

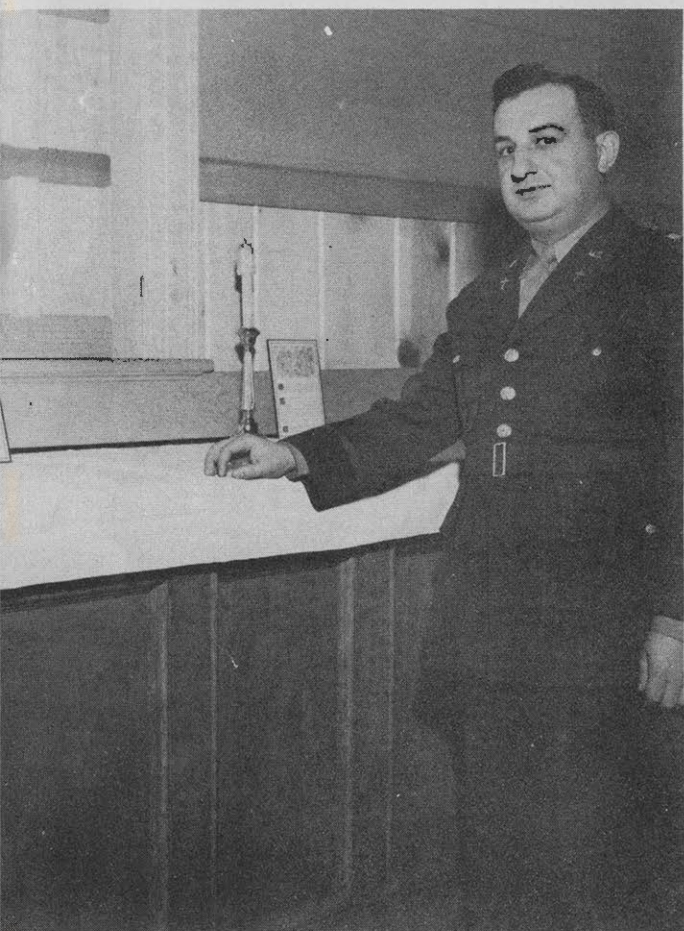
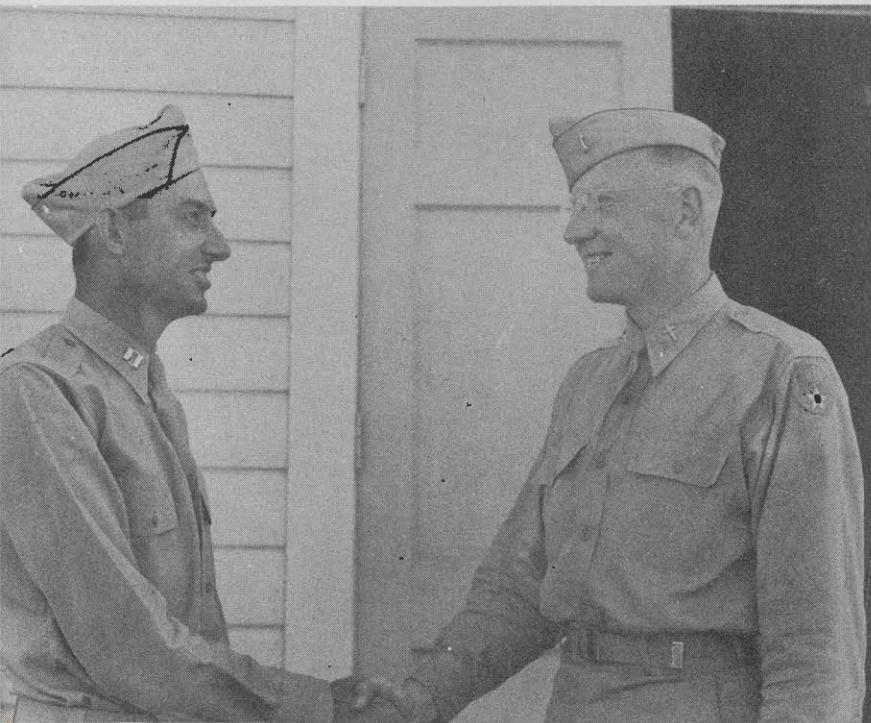




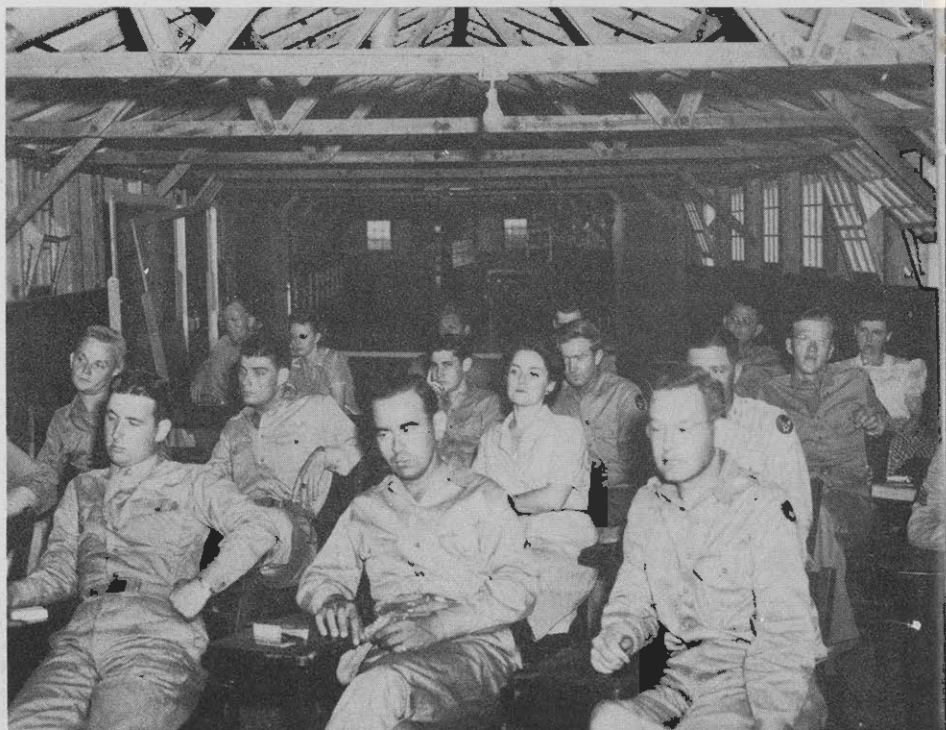
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AT THE CHAPEL



The Chaplains

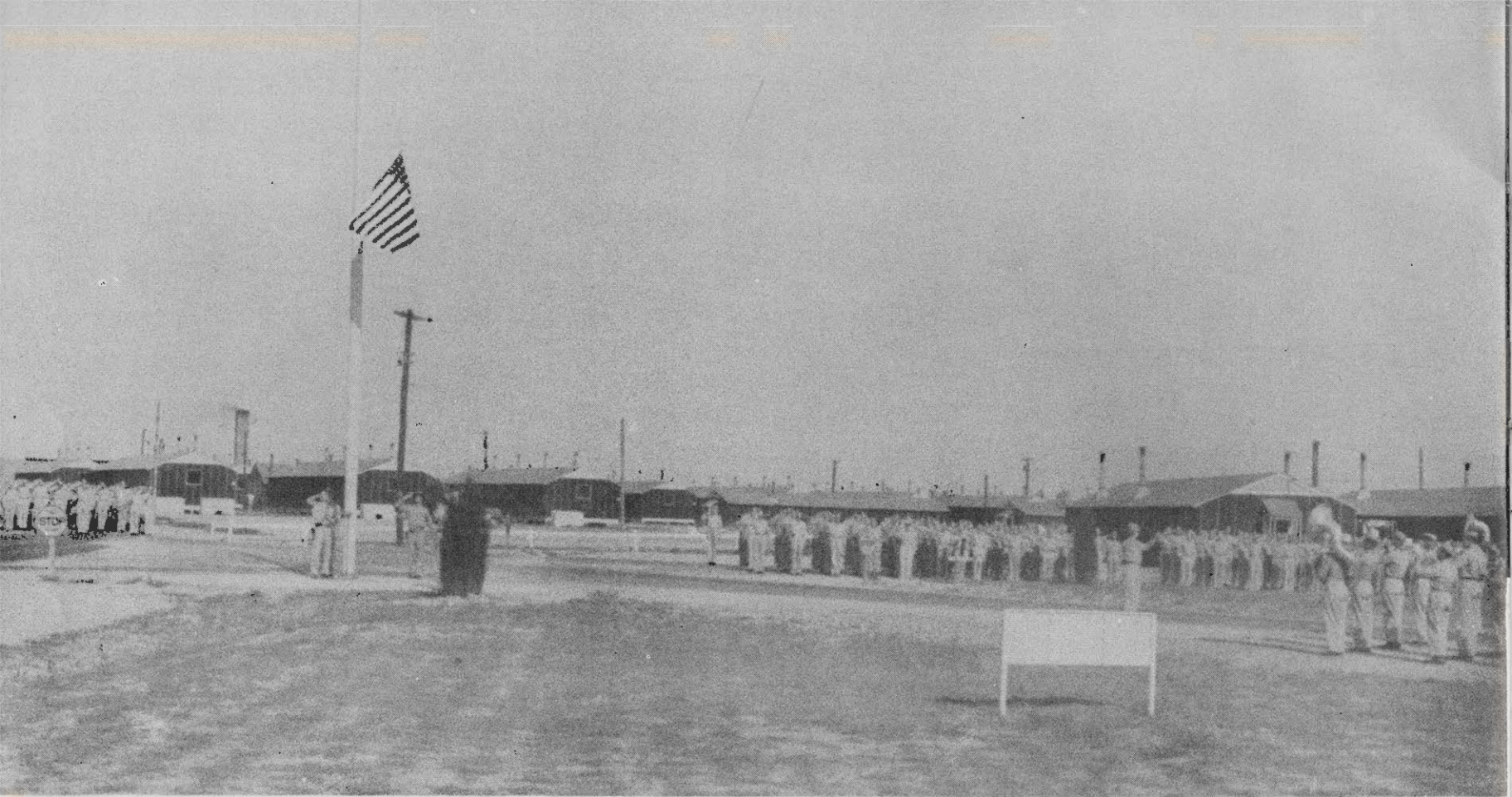


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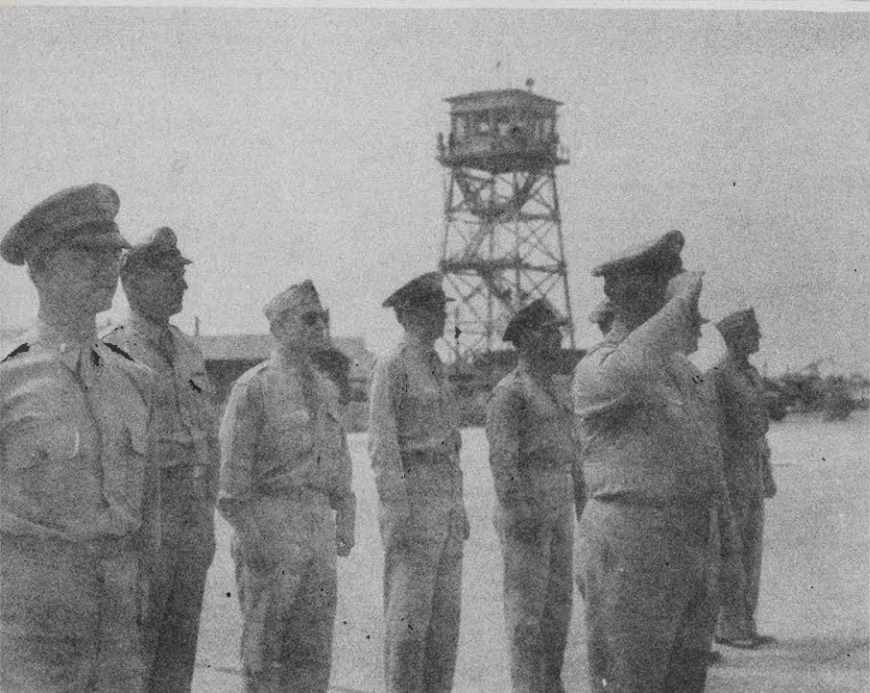
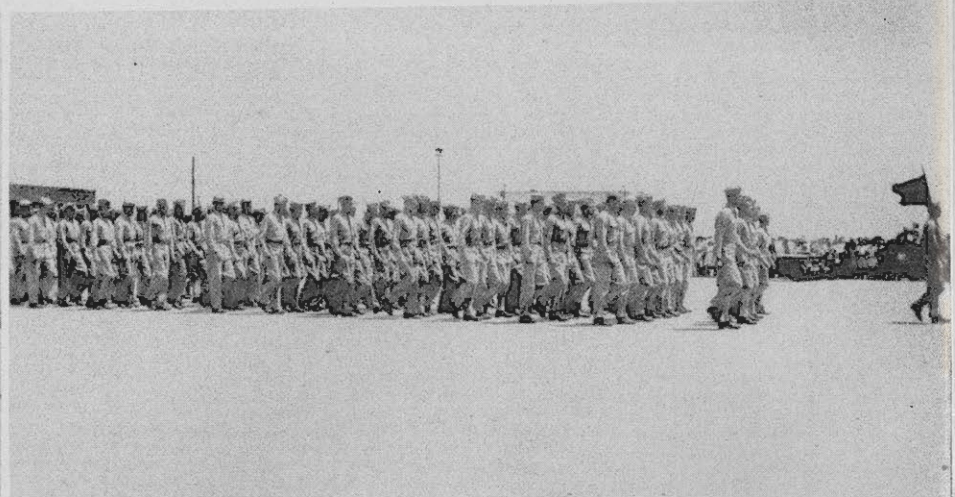
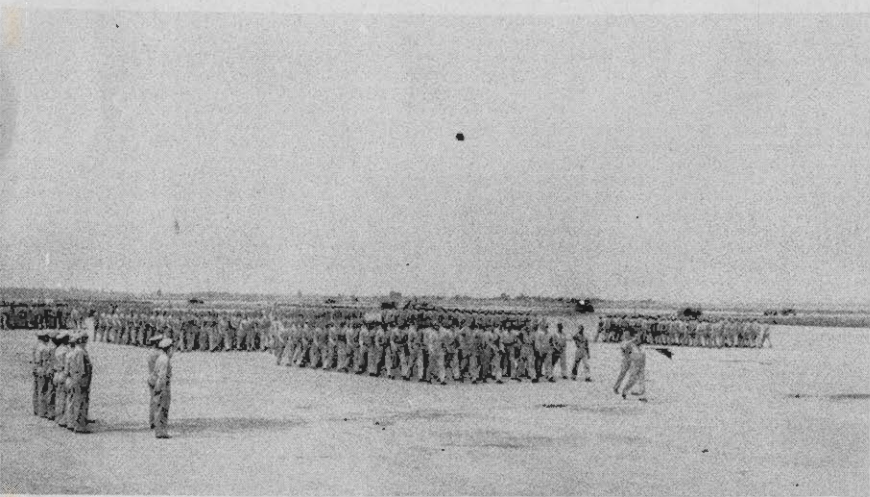


WITH
THE OFFICERS



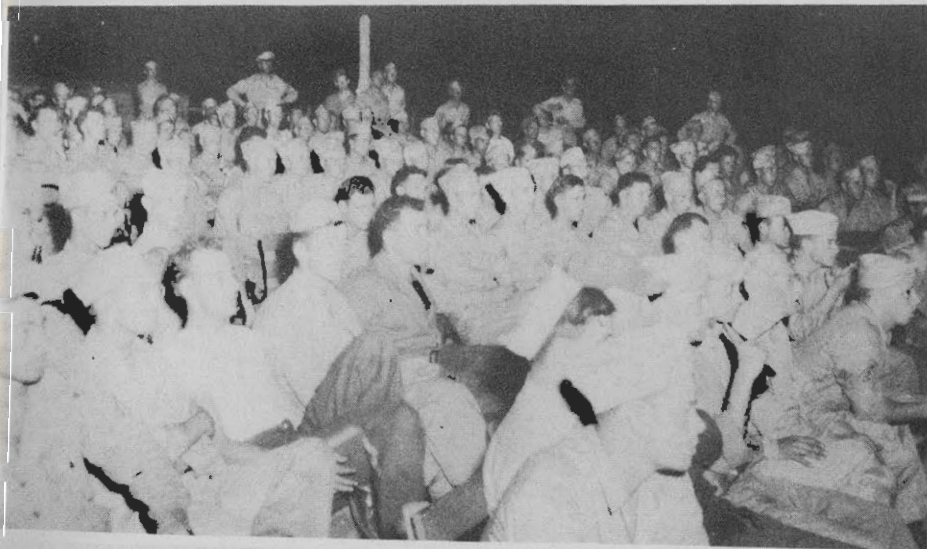


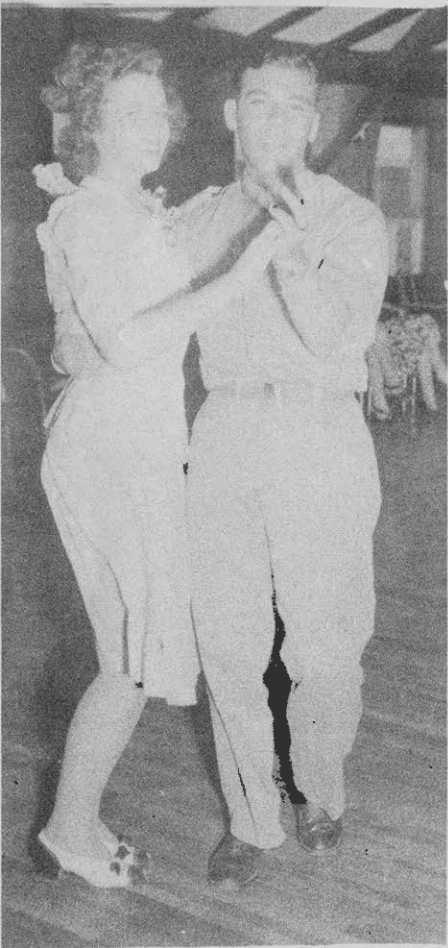
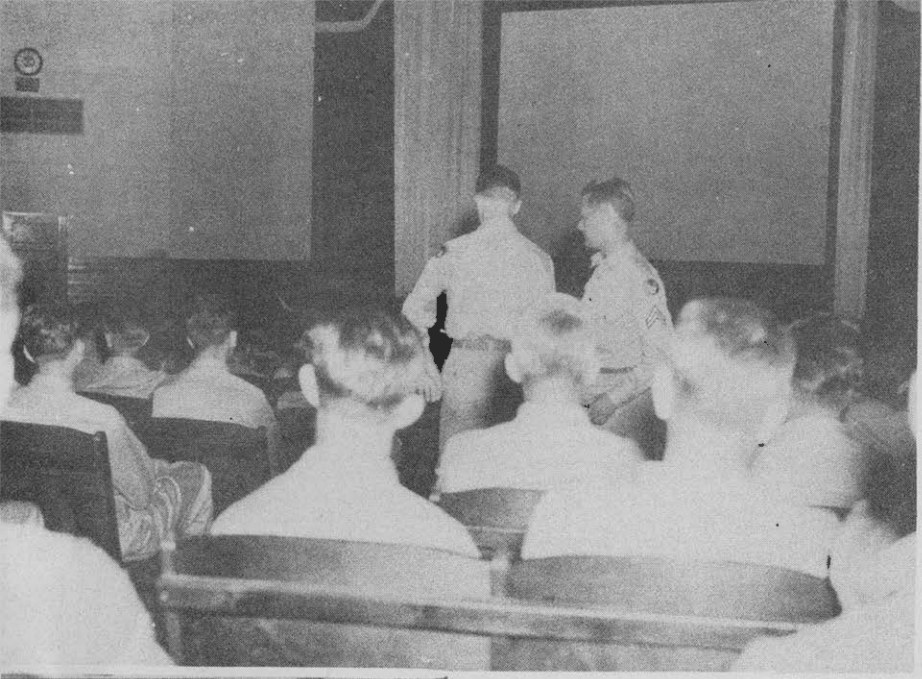
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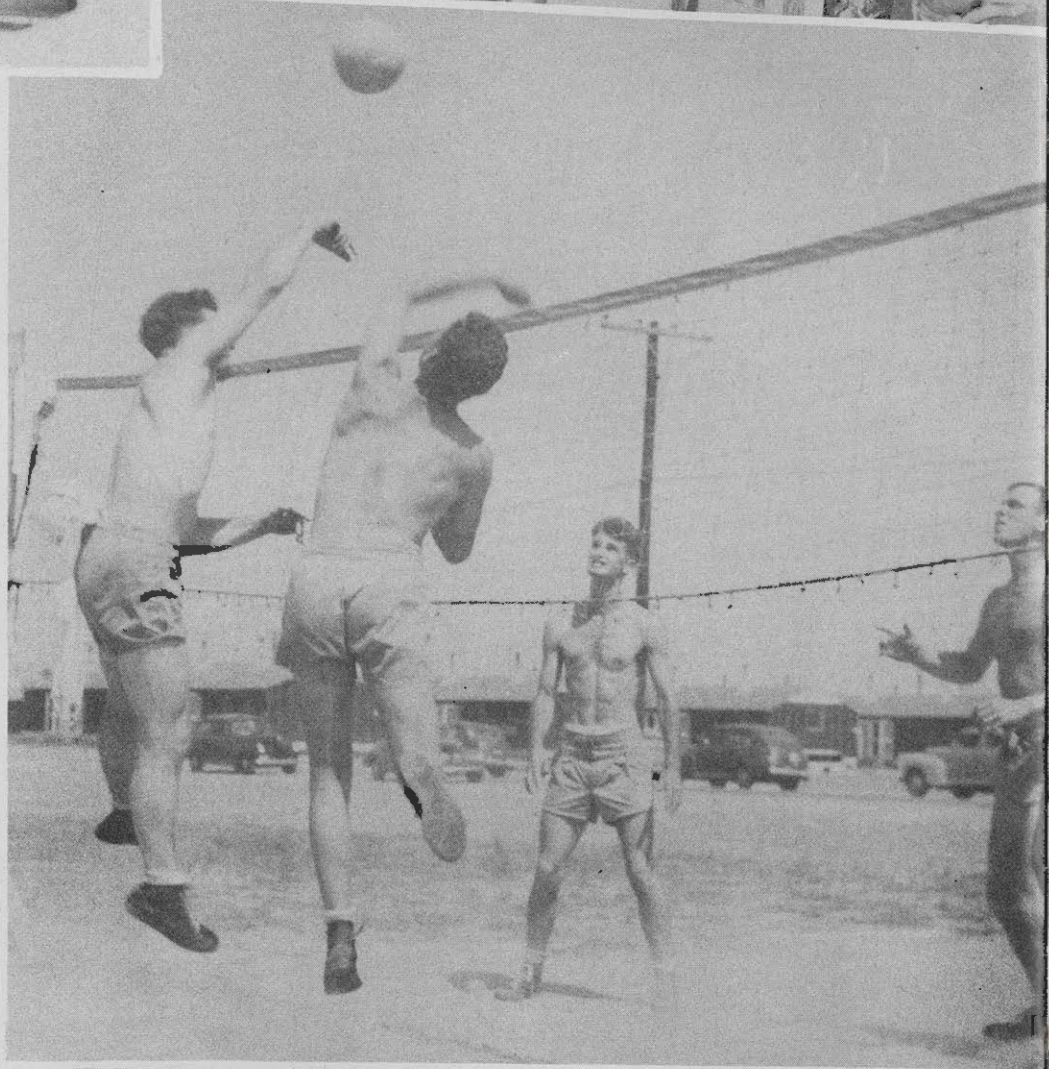


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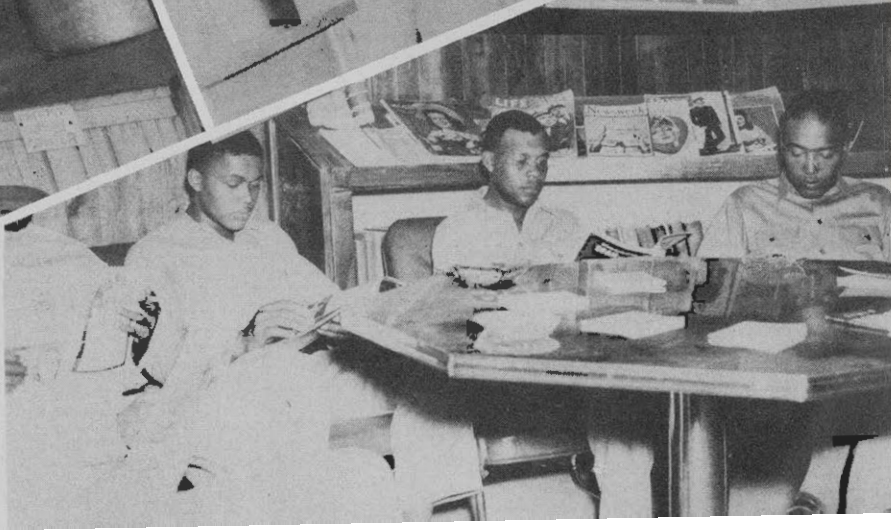
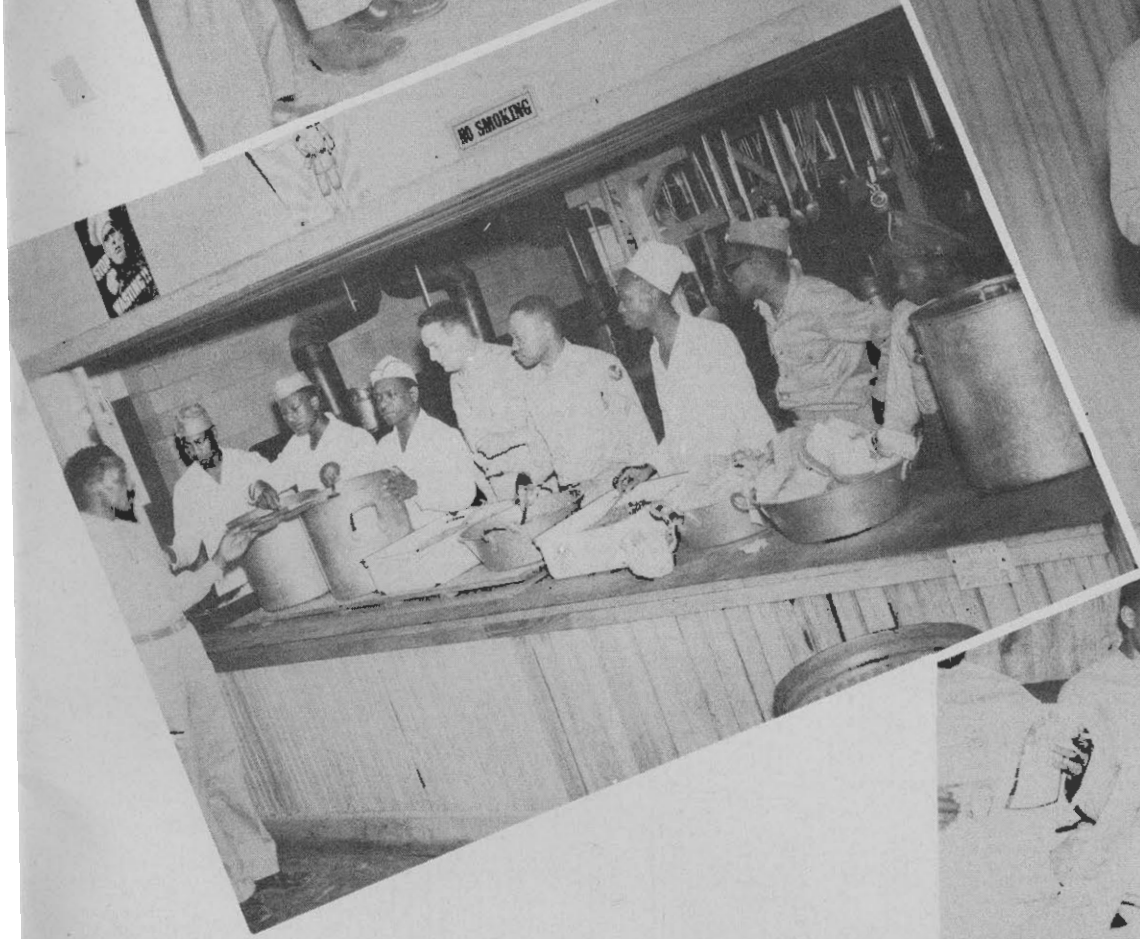
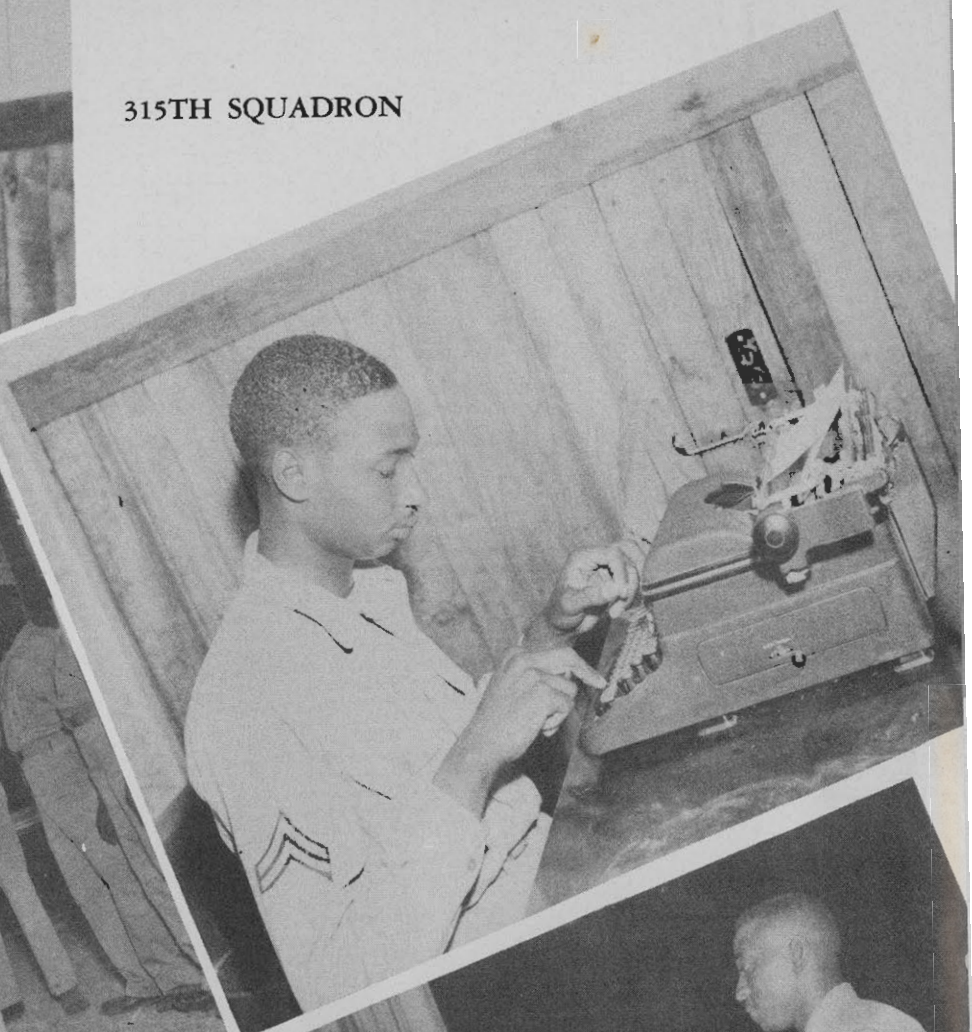


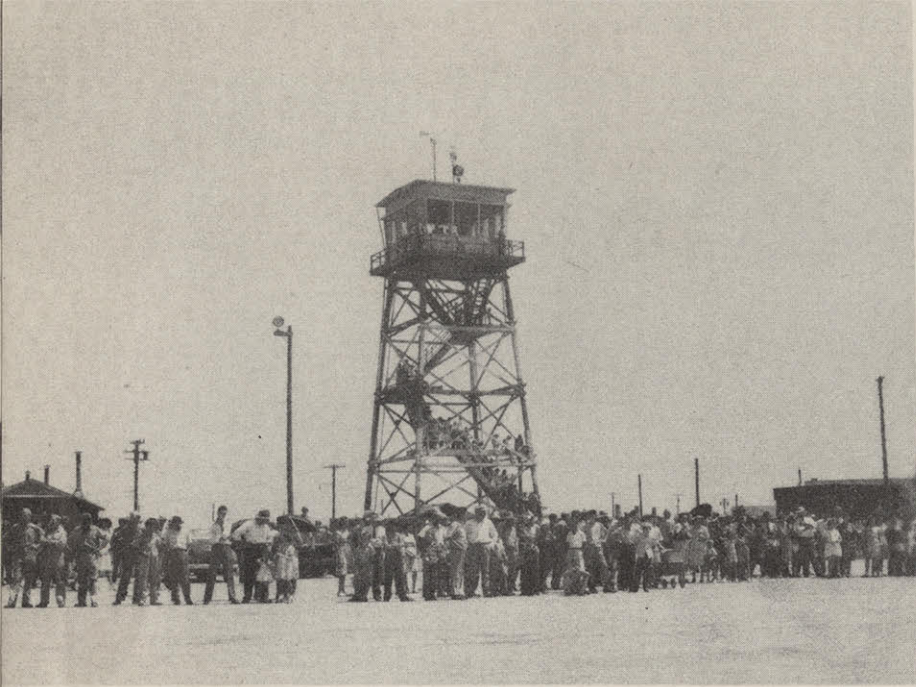


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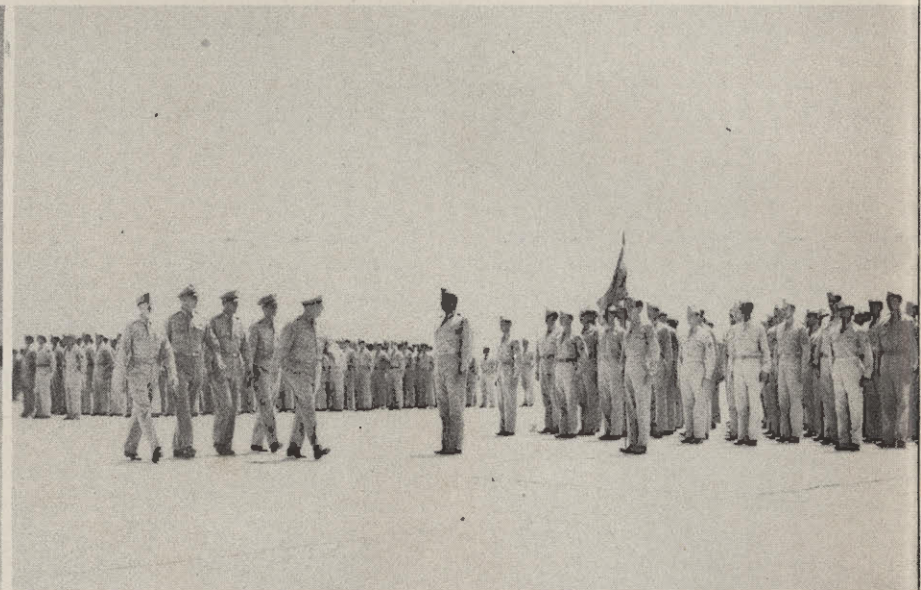
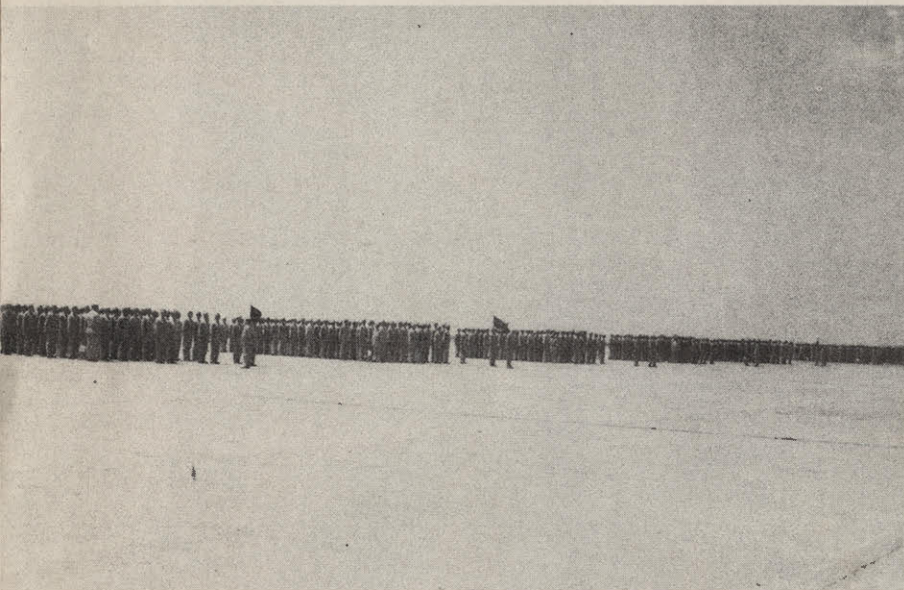


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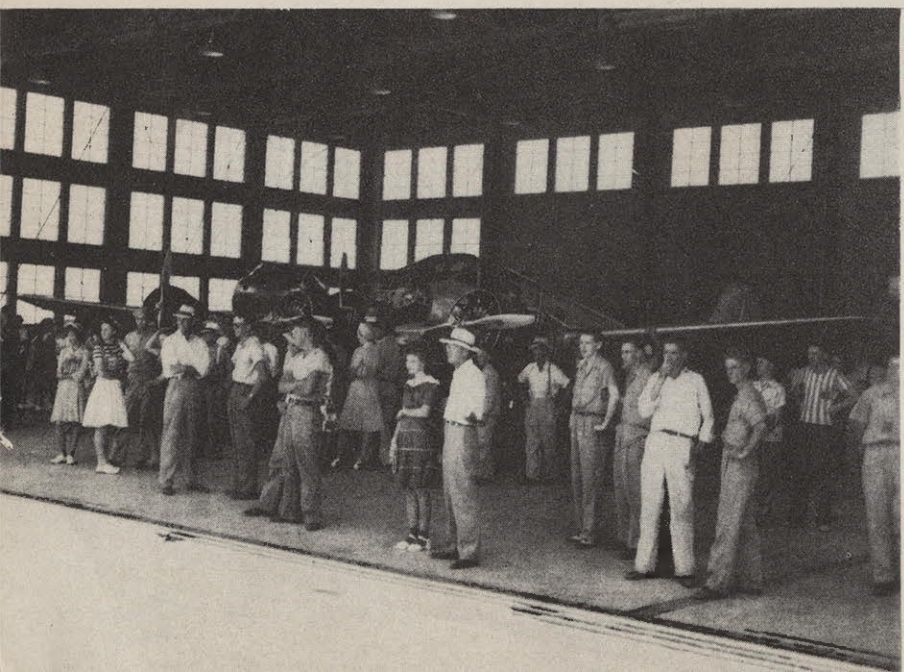


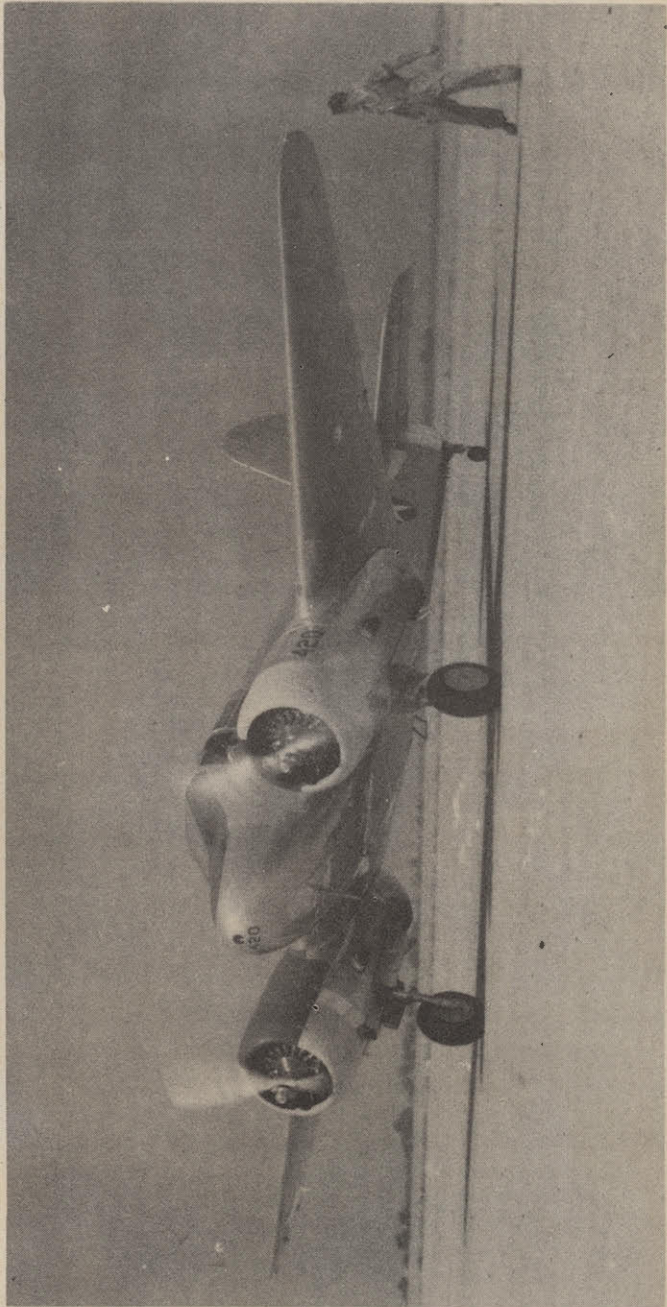
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In the Hangar

17-year olds look 'em over





"Keep 'Em Flying"

