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The Open Post

Volume 1

Bowling Green, Ky., Saturday, September 25, 1943

No. 8

321st Gets New Commanding Officer

Student Staff Changes

On September 17th, directed by Lieutenant Updegraff and Sergeant Lerner, a new student staff of officers took command of the 321st CTD.

Wearer of the coveted brassard with single gold bar is A-S William H. Chaffin, new student Major. An old soldier of over three year, and possessor of Staff Sergeant's stripes, Major Chaffin wants to see only the type of cooperation that any other man would expect if he assumed the responsible position as student commanding officer. Rough, fair, cooperative Major Chaffin should accomplish adequately the requirements of his new job.

New student Adjutant is tall 'bassoon-like' voiced Raymond L. Kline. Hailing from Colorado and talking with a Westerner's enthusiasm, Captain Kline makes certain that no requests for "sound off" are directed his way by giving commands in a clear and booming manner.

A-S Gustav Bartz is the new group S-24 and handles all supplies in cooperation with Sergeant Rusnak, permanent personnel member. Over five years service in the army makes his knowledge of military problems readily understandable. The fact that he has changed Technical Sergeant's stripes for his present anonymity as an Aviation Student has not affected his efficient manner.

The new Sergeant Major of the detachment is popular A-S William T. Cone. He carries out all his duties with a lurking smile that all his friends know as thorough sincerity. He aspires to be a pilot and anticipates the day that he can really start to earn his wings.

Other squadron officers, as well as new members of the color guard are listed:

SQUADRON "E"

Captain Austin H. Hodge
 Second in command
 James R. Aspinwall
 2nd Lt. (E-1) .. Theodore M. Sauer
 2nd Lt. (E-2) .. Sheldon B. Charron
 First Sgt. Raymond Zarr
 Flight Sgt. (E-1) .. Charles F. Rowe
 Flight Sgt. (E-2) .. Paul Caparusso
 Guide Sgt. Carlos L. Deal
 Squadron Cpl. Verle N. Bevan

SQUADRON "D"

Captain Harry T. Ennis
 Second in command John M. O'Neill
 2nd Lt. (D-1)
 Charles W. Cartwright
 2nd Lt. (D-2)..... Fred A. Langlois
 First Sgt. Oscar N. Perkins
 Flight Sgt. (D-1) .. Richard C. Rabold
 Flight Sgt. (D-2)
 Walter P. Stepper
 Guide Sgt. James R. Teat
 Squadron Cpl. Ralph Storck

SQUADRON "A"

Captain Marvin H. Ebaugh
 Second in command.....
 Richard Yawger
 2nd Lt. (A-1)..... Kent E. Dawson
 2nd Lt. (A-2)..... John H. Colbert
 First Sgt. Sabu I. Abrahamian
 Flight Sgt. (A-1)
 Russell L. Adams, Jr.
 Flight Sgt. (A-2) .. Claude E. Dierolf
 Guide Sgt. Warren F. Williams
 Squadron Cpl. .. William E. Dorsey

COLOR GUARD

Sergeant Joseph N. Davis
 Sergeant Leonard F. Lance
 Corporal Paul J. Ott
 Corporal Jason D. King

Patches Now Official

During World War I Army Commanders originated the wearing of shoulder patches. The idea was two-fold. The first to build morale in men, and the second to give the men pride in their individual organizations.

Proof of both points struck home to all men on the Hill when we were issued Aviation Student patches last

Test Pilot Talks To Class "E" Men

Earlier in the week some "E" class members at the airport were favored with an informal discussion from Donald Armstrong, famous test pilot. Mr. Armstrong is one of the world's most outstanding men in the field of test flying. During his brief talk to the men, he disclosed numerous harrowing experiences which he has had during his career as a test pilot. His life in aviation has a long background and he has been in that field for most of his life.

Mr. Armstrong is connected with Civil Aeronautics Authority at the present time as an Engineer Inspector due to his vast background in the testing line and as an accomplished operator of practically every known type of aircraft in the fighting line. The C.A.A. has given him a pilot certificate which allows him to fly any type aircraft.

Early in 1940, Mr. Armstrong operated a seaplane base on the Hackensack river. After leaving this field, he then went to Roosevelt Field, Long Island, where he taught the instructors who were to teach the "Fledglings" to come.

In the summer of 1940, he was asked to report to the R.C.A.F. as a Flying Officer with a rank equal to that of our 1st Lieutenant. Here again he taught instructors in a flying school. During his stay in that country he flew flying boats on coastal patrol in the North Atlantic until spring, 1941.

While in Canada, he also did some experimental work on a torpedo bomber. After his stay there, he proceeded to Ottawa, Canada, for

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Commanding Officer



Lt. George S. Updegraff seated at his desk just after his appointment as commanding officer of the 321st C. T. D.

Lt. Updegraff Relieves Capt. Leurig

New commanding officer of the 321st CTD is 1st Lieutenant George S. Updegraff. He has relieved Captain P. M. Leurig who has been transferred to NAAC, at Nashville, Tennessee.

Lt. Updegraff came to this station on September first on a temporary basis as plans and training officer. He had been serving as Commandant of Cadets at Turner Field, Albany, Georgia. His new assignment as Commanding Officer of the 321st definitely makes his transfer a permanent arrangement.

Just back from Headquarters at Maxwell Field, he is very enthusiastic about new plans for the detachment and expects to incorporate some of the information learned with the present policies now in use at Western.

Lt. Updegraff will also continue as plans and training officer until the return of Lt. Alfred M. Collins, now on detached service at Randolph Field, San Antonio, Texas.

SOLDIER OF THE WEEK Roster

WILLIAM JAQUA (WEEK OF AUGUST 21)

Another "Yankee" from Findlay, Ohio. Mr. Jaqua was student Major of this detachment and aspired to win his wings as a pilot.

KENNETH M. LEVTOW (WEEK OF AUGUST 28)

Hails from Chicago, Ill. Ken was a corporal in the color guard and was the drill sergeant and leader of our very successful and proficient rifle team.

CHAS. CARTWRIGHT (WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 4)

A native of Plattsburg, New York. Student Lt. Cartwright has had four years of service in the Armored Forces. His ambition is to someday fly the famed P-47.

RUSSELL C. HEDBERG (WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 18)

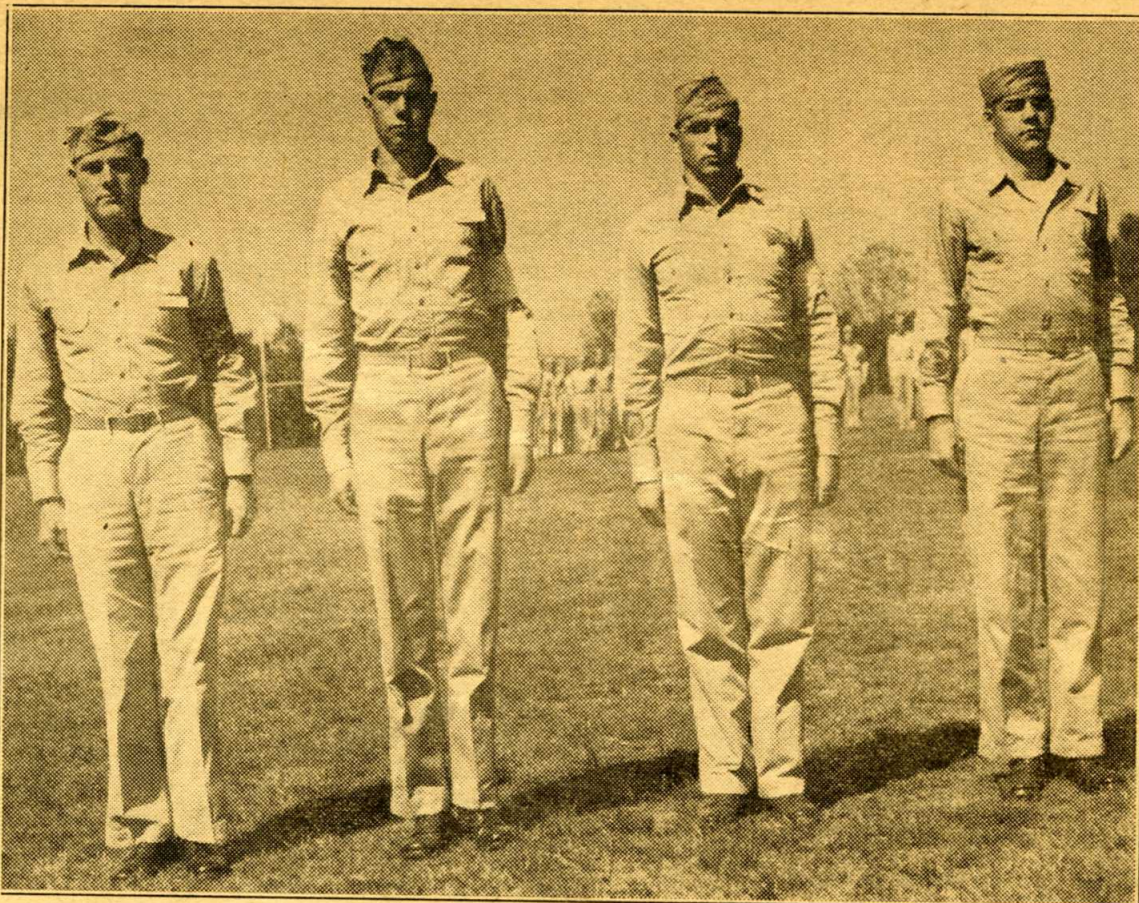
Popular Student Major, Russ was always a potential 'soldier of the week.' A talented pianist, he is looking toward the day when the Axis is knocked out and he can return to the "old life" in Chicago.

New Provost Sergeant

Those of us who were puzzled to see Sgt. Lerner wearing an M.P. brassard may be interested in knowing that with his extra duties as Provost Sergeant goes the responsibility of keeping our students "out of trouble" and helping maintain the excellent relations between our men and the civilians and other troops in this area that we have enjoyed in the past.

As per a directive from the Fifth Service Command, Lt. Hadley has assumed the duties of Provost Marshall and Summary Court. Cases concerning breaches of Military Regulations covered by the Articles of War are under his jurisdiction.

Both Lt. Hadley and Sgt. Lerner wish to impress the men of this detachment with the fact that these new duties give them more opportunity to aid the men in various ways and they request the cooperation of all in maintaining these excellent relations between the Aviation Students of the 321st, the townspeople of Bowling Green, and other Military Personnel.



NEW STUDENT OFFICERS of the 321st C. T. D. are: Lt. or Major, Wm. Chaffin; Adjutant, Raymond Kline, S-4, Gustav Bartz, and Sergeant Major, William Cone.

GRIPE BOXES

"Gripe Boxes" are now available in the lobbies of both Potter Hall and West Hall. Use them!!

See story on Page two.

week. Now each and every man in the 321st C.T.D. walks into town with more pride and military bearing; his head is higher and his morale has risen more. No second order was needed to have us put on these patches which we wear with just pride. It is no longer necessary to feel we are just another soldier, but we are Aviation Students, preparing for that envied opportunity of flying "Uncle Sam's" planes into combat—bombing and strafing the enemy into submission.

These patches, authorized according to AR 600-40, consists of a gold wing and propeller on a dark blue background. The patch will be

worn on the right sleeve of the blouse, overcoat, and shirt, four inches above the cuff. In addition, the regular Air Force insignia will be worn in the prescribed position and manner on the left shoulder.

—A-S, D. L. Nutter.

Squadron "A" Wins Open Post

Wednesday night found Squadron "A" winning the open post privilege as a result of their efficient military appearance during the preceding week. Squadron members appreciated their leave by celebrating their first mid-week passes in Bowling Green.

The Open Post

321st A.A.F.C.T.D. Newspaper

Commanding Officer: Lt. George S. Updegraff

Adjutant: Lt. Allan E. Hadley

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Back The Attack!

With the outbreak of the war, came the most important business proposition that the American people have ever seen! Never before has the general public been "let-in" on a business deal where they could better their financial standing to such a startling degree. Every person in the country knows about it but just the intelligent ones take advantage of the opportunity. Everyone keeps asking himself, "How can I make money?" This question is answered every day in magazines, store windows, bill boards, in people's houses, street cars, taxi cabs, and probably now in this issue of the paper you have seen the answer and turned away with the same disinterested attitude.

This is not just an opportunity for the one person who is smart enough to take advantage of a good deal when he sees one! Nor is it just an opportunity for "Big Business" to make more money. It's for you and me! Did YOU get that? It's for you and me! No matter how large or small our capital may be, we, too, can cash in on some of the "easy dough" that is to be made!

Wouldn't you invest your money in some field where YOU could collect the profit that figures out to the astonishing rate of 10%. Has anyone ever told you that you could invest your money and have it backed by a heaven and earth guarantee? You may say they haven't but you are wrong, I repeat. You are wrong.

Day after day you've been told of the opportunity to lend your money out and get back the highest rate of interest that business, large or small, has ever seen and yet have it backed with an absolute guarantee protecting your investment.

It was once said "So big business goes, so goes the nation!" Some of the biggest firms in the country think enough of the opportunity to go ahead and invest millions of dollars in something that means future operating along their normal scale. If the "big boys" invest in it, "it's good enough for me."

Are you interested in this deal, Brother? Do you think that you would like to have some of that "easy dough" that is to be had? Sure you would! We all would?

OK, what is it? You really want to know don't you. You'd give your left arm to have some of that cool crisp green stuff in your pockets until you could hardly walk down town to spend it.

Brother, you've asked for it so here it is:

Get smart, BACK THE ATTACK!

Don't let hideous rumors keep you from giving the support that your country needs. Don't let your complacency put you into the category of the unwise who do not look forward to the future. By all that's right, it is hoped that this opportunity will never again arise. While it is here, be smart and invest a little money now and get back a lot. Be an American—be a business man.

Your country needs you and you need your country.

IT'S SMART TO BUY BONDS!!!!

BACK THE ATTACK!

Editor-in-Chief.

Meet The Challenge

There isn't a man in the 321st who would not stand up to any challenge made to him; but every day we fail to accept the challenge made by our opportunities here at Western. Every day we are falling back one step in the direction of elimination by this failure to accept the challenge and show the authorities (and ourselves) that we are able to meet the situation in a whole hearted and intent manner.

Men, why are we here? If that question were asked every member of the 321st a safe statement would be that 85 per cent could not answer it accurately. This startling figure shows that we have no genuine conception of the opportunities afforded.

First of all why should this exist? Whose fault is it that we are now attending school? Is it our Commanding Officer's? The fault of the 1st Sergeant of our old outfit? Our parents—brothers or sisters—wives or sweethearts? No—obviously, none of these people are responsible because here every man in this detachment chose this type training as a fundamental step toward his ultimate objective. Why don't we try to do our best in the field of our choice? Why don't we extend our greatest efforts to show that we sincerely want to attain our objective?

mate objective. Why don't we try to do our best in the field of our choice? Why don't we extend our greatest efforts to show that we sincerely want to attain our objective?

One factor may be our individual outlook on our training. The training that we are receiving seems rather out of the ordinary and very strict. It should be! Aren't we going to be officers? Aren't we going to be the leaders of tomorrow who will carry on the fight for the high ideals and morals of the finest country in the world?

Are we not the men who are to represent the Air Forces of the United States of America; a branch of service that is high in esteem among the peoples of the world?

Some men have the attitude that they don't need this training because they can fall back on their previous service. We cannot afford such an attitude to prevail among our personnel.

Our previous service should be looked upon as valuable experience to help us fit into the picture that is being created by our daily deeds

The Match

(Based on an article in the May, Bluets Magazine.)

A cry of horror breaks the stillness . . . and the dull sound of a falling helmet takes up the strain, . . . and the echo finally dies away.

Once again silence settles over the land—a sickly silence. It becomes so quiet that the very stillness seems to blast your ears. You never move until you're sure . . . sure that you can do it and live.

You just sit and think. You think of food, you think of home, you think of Heaven, you think of anything just as long as you think and think fast. This is the only thing that eases the monotony. You wonder, ironically, of course, why they don't have a name for a sickness like this. Something like "Monotonyitis." Around these parts they believe it kills just as many as the Japs can kill. Perhaps it does, who knows?

After you become nauseated by the stagnant air, you feel that the risk of being shot is a greater reward than sitting in a foxhole and dying of suffocation, so you stagger to your feet. The first breath of fresh air is intoxicating . . . and you think now for a smoke. You foolishly place a cigarette between your lips and before you realize what you're doing, you strike a match. The flickering light brings you to your senses and you drop into the nearest hole you can find . . .

A burst of machine gun fire again disturbs the quiescence and a soldier falls beside you in the shell-hole.

You try in vain to swallow but your throat feels like a piece of shoeleather.

One thought grips your mind. It seems to scream into your ears.

You stare at the dead form beside you, your face bathed in sweat as your lips seem to say: "I killed you! . . . with a match!"

—Orville K. Chatt.

New Feature Column Planned

In future editions it is planned to include a new column of interesting articles written by the readers of the Open Post. The column will be entitled "Tough Situations," and will deal with situations which men of this detachment have been in.

The best story will be selected each week from among those submitted and a prize of \$1.00 will be paid to the author.

Many of the students have had previous military experience, some have been overseas and on foreign duty. It is more than likely that a good number of men have been in precarious or embarrassing situations. Your experiences and adventures will be of interest to all.

Articles should be addressed to the Editor-in-Chief of the Open Post and left with the charge of quarters of your respective halls.

—H. U.

and actions. It should not inflate our ego to such an extent that we are above taking orders from a person not being able to boast any previous service.

We are now in a preparatory officer training school at the present time and our conduct should be as much. The past should be forgotten and our habits, ideas, and attitudes should be molded with an eye for the present and for the future.

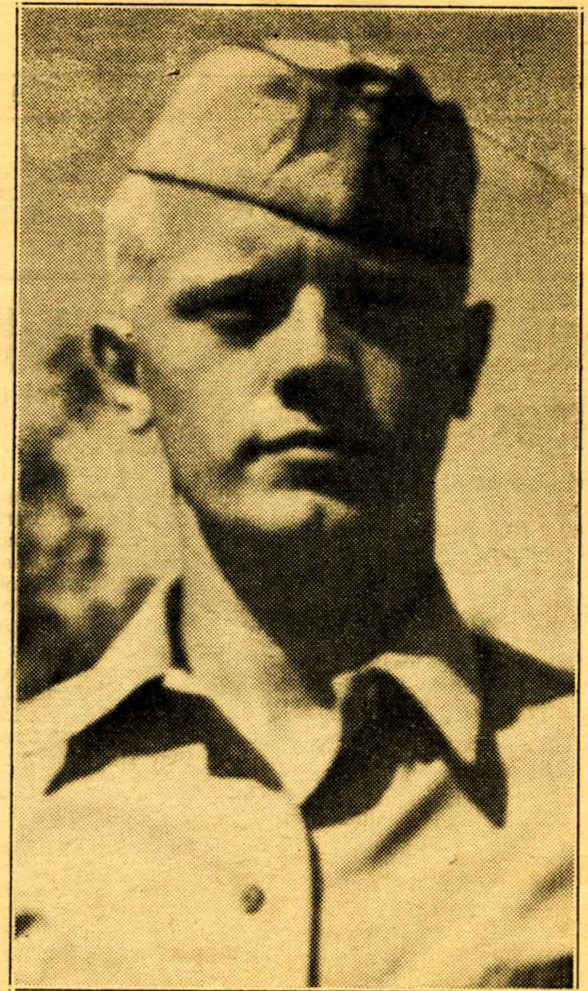
We hear many boasts about "my old outfit" was so and so; they did this and they did that. What made these "old outfits" so superior in their operations and appearances? It was the complete subordination and disciplinary cooperation that made it possible for their outstanding achievements and each and every man was willing to do his part. Why not extend that same cooperation here where it means so much more?

Gentlemen, let us put forth every effort to make our present life and military activities more outstanding. Let us put our sincerity into our daily activities to better the appearance of our outfits and if this is done, there isn't a man in the 321st C.T.D. who won't really notice the difference. Our training here is one invaluable factor in determining whether or not we'll go through and accomplish the goals we chose or whether we'll be sorted out as failure because we failed to realize the importance of the College Training program.

Let's keep our heads high. Let's fill our hearts with pride. Let's be able to meet any challenge no matter its nature!

Then—and then alone—we will be officers. Editor-In-Chief.

Ex-Student Major



Major Hedberg

Pictured above is A-S Russell Hedberg, retiring student major of the 321st C.T.D. An outstanding student officer, he has done an excellent job in directing the disciplinary activities of the entire group.

Born in Bridgeport, Conn., he attended Blackark Grammar School and graduated from Bassick High School in 1936. After graduation he worked with Underwood-Elliott for two years as a stock clerk.

A strong interest in music led him to matriculate at the Sherwood Musical School in Chicago. There he majored in piano and upon completion of the four-year course, graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Music. He also was a member of the Phi Mu Alpha Fraternity which is one of the leading national music fraternities.

Besides his pursuit of higher education at Sherwood, he became engaged and as soon as it is practicable Hedberg plans to be married.

Upon receiving his degree in 1942, he went back to his home town and took a summer job as play ground instructor. Then on October 9, 1942,

he was inducted into the army and assigned to the 12th armored division at Camp Campbell, Ky. It is interesting to note that he just missed being in the Navy by a single day. The papers from the navy arrived one day too late for him to take any action otherwise Major Hedberg would have been a Chief Petty Officer since that was the rating the navy would have given him.

At Camp Campbell he was the chaplain's assistant but on April 11, applied for air crew training and was accepted and sent to Keesler Field, Miss., on May 25. On June 10 was transferred to Bowling Green.

After one week he was made second in command of his squadron and a Captain two weeks later. He kept the latter position until two weeks before his squadron was made Class "E."

Very popular with the entire personnel of the 321st, the detachment wishes him success in all his ventures at Nashville and subsequent stations.

—R. B.

Favorite Songs

ONEY ISLAND BABY

Good-bye my Coney Island Baby
Good-bye to thee my own true love
I'm going to sail away and leave thee

Never to return
You can have the Navy Maybelle
I'm going to sail away in an old ferry boat
Happy as the day is long
Good-bye, farewell, so long forever
Good-bye My Coney Island, I said my Coney Island
Good-bye my Coney Island Baby.

The next inspiring tune that is heard on the campus as the men of the 321st C.T.D. march along is:

SPIRIT OF THE AIR CORPS

Into the air Army Air Corps
Into the air pilots true
Into the air Army Air Corps
Keep our nose up in the blue
And when you hear those motors roaring

And those steel props start to whine
You can bet the Army Air Corps
Is along the fighting line
You can bet the Army Air Corps
Is along the fighting line.

Many a smile is seen when the boys swing out with the Duck song.

THE DUCK SONG

Be kind to your web footed friends
For a duck may be somebody's mother

He lives in the deep of the swamp
Where the weather is always damp
Now you may think this is the end
Well it is—

"Gripe" Boxes Available

"Griping" is undoubtedly any soldiers leading avocation and in recognition of that fact, "suggestion boxes" have been placed in each of the lobbies of the two dormitories used by aviation students at Western.

These suggestion boxes are for the purpose of receiving tangible and practical ideas that may be incorporated into the administration of the detachment making it a better place in which to live. For those who are skeptical of any good that may result from suggestions placed in these boxes, it should be pointed out that the officers of the post are backing the ideas and are willing to give their fullest attention to any worth while suggestion placed in these boxes.

One incentive for the use of these boxes is that an aviation student may get his idea to the attention of an officer without going through the usual channels and, if his idea is good, every effort will be made to put in into effect.

These boxes are for practical reasons—one of the methods by which an aviation student may receive those little improvements that mean so much. If they are used wisely and with proper discretion, a good may result that will benefit the entire personnel. Ideas should be put in a sealed envelope and may or may not be signed by the writer. R.B.

By June 1, 1943, 14,072 Axis warplanes had been destroyed by the Allies.

Squadron Sports

Our inter-squadron touch football league got off to a "rousing" start Thursday nite, September 9th, with the opening game between Squadron "C"'s 2nd Section and "A" Squadrons 1st Section.

After a very hard fought game, C-2 came out victorious by the narrow margin of one touchdown—the final score being 12 to 6. From the opening kick-off until the first half, "C-2" had things pretty much their own way, scoring both their touchdowns before the whistle blew to end the half.

After a brief rested period "A-1" came back with a "rush" going deep into enemy territory before finally being stopped on downs. After threatening several times they pushed over their lone score late in the final quarter.

Friday nite found "C-1" and "D-2" playing their first game of the season and this also proved to be a very close game as it ended in a 6 to 6 deadlock.

A "sleeper" pass play late in the game from Adams, Captain of "D-2," to Walrath enabled "D-2" to get a tie game.

Play was resumed again on Monday night with "D-1" and "A-2" taking the field. "D-1" proved to be too powerful for the smaller men of "A" squadron and "walked away" with the contest. The final score was 18-0. The "D-1" attack was led by R. H. Jones former University of Kentucky football star. "D-1"'s passing attack was really something to watch, with Jones completing pass after pass to his two star ends, Bevan and Bechtel.

Acting as officials, the permanent personnel have been doing a very efficient job in handling all the games.

Tuesday night's game between "A-1" and "D-2" proved to be a very hotly-contested game with neither team scoring until late in the final period. At that stage of the game an intercepted pass led to the only score. The final score "A-1" 7, "D-2" 0.

"D-1" and "C" returned for their second game of the season on Wednesday night and once again "D-1" came out on top, winning the game 14-6.

Mauries, Russo and Fryfogle playing in the backfield for "C" turned in a very nice game and Gerard holding down the center spot also played a "bang-up" game in the line, but to no avail as the "D-1" attack was again clicking very nicely behind a powerful line.

Thursday night's game was postponed due to rain and play was resumed the following night with "D-1" winning their third game in a row. This time from "C-1" to the tune of 18-0. The "touchdown twins" Bevan and Bechtel again figured in every scoring play.

INTER-SQUAD STANDINGS

Team	W	L	T
"D-1"	3	0	0
"A-1"	1	1	1
"D-2"	1	1	0
"E-2"	0	1	1
"A-2"	0	1	0
"D-1"	0	1	2

Note: All squadrons have been advanced due to class promotion, therefore standings should be judged accordingly.

Example: "D-1" league leader, according to the story, is now "E-1".

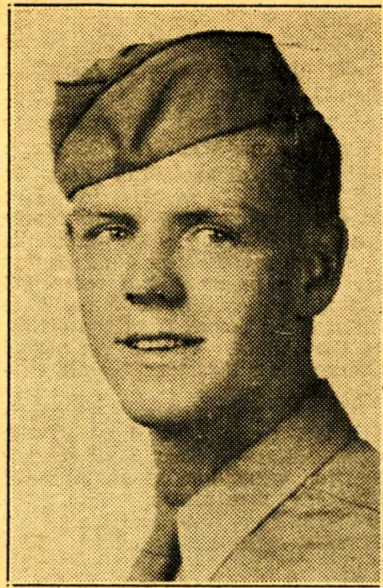
According to Sergeant Allan Lerner, plans are being made for an extensive table tennis tournament to be carried out under proper supervision in the popular "Cedar House." Plans for inter-squadron basketball are being discussed as well as other forms of inter-squadron competition. Details will be publicized in the very near future.

HAMBURGER JOINT SET UP IN SOUTH SEAS

SOUTH PACIFIC.—(CNS)—Joe's place, a quiet little hamburger joint on a South Pacific island gives the American touch to this area.

Joe is Joseph Maurice Hayden of Middlesboro, Mass., a commissary steward in a Navy Seabee outfit (construction battalion), who persuaded his officers to buy a herd of cattle he spotted on the island. Joe then enlisted the aid of Seabees in building his hamburger stand, which he operates 24 hours daily. He now serves 600 pounds of fresh beef daily—all of it hamburger.

National Track Champ Student Here



A/S Joseph M. Russell

Smiling and modest A/S Joseph Merideth Russell is probably the most outstanding athlete to enter the 321st CTD—at least to date. Joe is a track star of famous reputation. He has trod the cinder path against many of the nation's outstanding scholastic runners and capped his pre-military career with a national record tying romp.

In February 1942, he tied the present National 880 yard scholastic record by "beating the pack" in the remarkable time of 1:58.6. The place—Madison Square Garden, where the best usually wind up.

His track experience runs back to about age fourteen when he tried all the events and showed great promise even at that early age. He moved on to high school and turned up with the Maryland state championship in the 440 yard dash, the 880 yard run, and also the running broad jump.

For two years, 1941-42, he held the scholastic district championship which included the best of such states as Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia. 1942 also found him running as anchor man on a winning mile relay team at the famous Penn Relays. Fast? He turned in the fastest individual time of all relay entrants when he stepped off the quarter in a neat 48.8 seconds.

His personal hobby—model airplanes—has also won him additional honors and great personal pleasure. He was very active in two model clubs in his home town Baltimore, Maryland and spent much of his time in furthering interest in this recreation. He originally was a member of the Baltimore Gas Model Association but organized, with several friends, a new club which was known as Model Haven. This new group erected a model airport that was equipped to handle approximately two hundred tiny ships. The club sponsored several contests and one outstanding meet drew three hundred contestants and well over five thousand spectators. Model Haven grew to over seventy members and was fortunate that some of the members were associated with the famous Glenn L. Martin Company. These men aided as technical advisors as well as being enthusiastic model builders.

1941 found Russell and several fellow members of Model Haven journeying to Chicago where they entered their model ships in the National Model Meet.

During a recent lecture on the theory of flight, Sergeant Lerner used a gas model for illustration that was fabricated right here at Western. How Russell managed to find time to build it during the 321st rush is still a mystery to Sgt. Lerner and other detachment members.

Prior to transferring to the AAF, Russell was a member of the Army Engineers and was stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Sapplings

Of all the things that I might be, I had to be a lousy tree. A tree that stands out in the street With little doggies at my feet, I'm nothing else but this, alas, A comfort station in the grass.

I lift my leafy arms to pray Please little doggie go away. A nest of robins I must wear And what they do, gets in my hair. Of all things for me to be, I had to be a darned old tree. A stop-off for the dogs that pass, A comfort station in the grass.

BORN SALESMAN

Major Sports Shorts

The St. Louis Cardinals clinched the National League pennant Saturday, Sept. 18th, when they whipped the Chicago Cubs at St. Louis. To date, the Yanks aren't faring as well as the Cards. The Senators smashed them 3-2 and 5-1 in a double-header Sunday in Washington. The New York club needs only four more victories out of fifteen games to snare the American League title.

Fritz Ostermueller, southpaw pitcher, left the Brooklyn Dodgers last week to report at the Chicago induction center for a final physical, prior to entering the service.

In the event the Yanks are contestants in this year's World's Series, Frankie Crosetti will participate in his seventh set of series games in eleven years. He joined the New York club in 1932 and has participated in every Series game with them since.

The Cleveland Indians were blanked 3-0 last week when Steve Sundra, St. Louis Browns right hander held them to four hits. Vern Stephens of the Browns hit his 19th circuit swats of the season in helping to defeat Jim Bagby for the 13th time.

Pete Reiser, former Dodger star, has answered Uncle Sam's call. His talent helped the Fort Riley, Kansas nine clinch a tie for first place in a midwestern service league. Ken Heinzelman and Jim Lanning, former Pittsburgh Pirates, and Roy Cantenbein, from the athletics, are also members of the Fort Riley club.

Sgt. Mario G. Tonelli, former Notre Dame and Chicago Cardinal football star, is interned in a Philippine Islands military prison camp. Tonelli was a varsity fullback for three years at college and joined the Chicago eleven upon graduation in 1939.

The Detroit Lions smashed the Chicago Cardinals 35-17, last Sunday, Sept. 19, with Frankie Sinkwich making his professional debut. Sinkwich was last year's Rose Bowl star with the University of Georgia. He joined the Marine Corps, but was released for physical reasons. After only two days practice, he participated in Sunday's game and his passing arm was responsible for one of the Lions five tallies.

Ol' Diz

The Cardinals have once again clinched the National League pennant, and one often wonders how they keep winning ball games without the great man Dizzy Dean, especially after reading his modest little booklet written by himself and about himself.

The title of this striking volume is "The Dizzy Dean Dictionary and What's What in Baseball."

In the great man's essay he reveals how the Cardinals first signed him in the belief that he was a left-hander. A St. Louis scout discovered Diz in the backwoods, killing squirrels with rocks. And Dean was pegging at them with his left-hand. When the scout realized that Dean was a right-hander he asked for an explanation.

"I throw so hard with my right arm," Dean told him, "that I squash up them squirrels somethin' turrible, and they ain't fit eatin' then. If I'm just huntin' for fun I do throw right-handed, but when I'm out rustlin' up our grub, I don't throw thataway. I gotta throw left-handed."

The Diz goes on to reveal how "he onced made a home run on a bunt." It was a game against the Giants. He bunted, beat the throw to first. Observing that Bill Terry was juggling the ball, he broke for second and went on to third when the intercepting toss went wide. So he slid, overturning the third baseman, and continued to the plate with the winning run. Diz claims this so upset John McGraw that he resigned that very night as manager of the Giants!

At the present time Ol' Diz is broadcasting St. Louis home games, and take it from the listeners, he hasn't changed a bit. He's still the same Ol' Diz. F.D.D.

Q. Are members of the Merchant Marine subject to court martial?

A. Although officers, petty officers and seamen of the Merchant Marine do not hold actual military or naval rank, they may in some circumstances be tried by court martial. Officers may be tried by general court martial only and petty officers and seamen by general, special or summary court martial, depending upon the nature of the case.

ARMY UPSETS GAL'S PLANS

CLIFFSIDE PARK, N. J.—(CNS)—The Army has upset the plans of Eleanor Csupor. She was to have been married the other day but on the eve of the wedding the bridegroom, Pvt. Charles J. Trinka, had his furlough cancelled and two of the ushers were drafted.

Did You Know That?

Two record-breaking flights by tow gliders were recently made. One from Shepherd Field, Texas to Maxton Army Air Base, Maxton, N. C., in nine hours and forty-five minutes; the other one was from Montreal to England in twenty-eight hours. Regular trans-Atlantic glider service soon will be a reality.

An all Negro fighter squadron equipped with P-40's is now in North Africa and will soon be ready for action.

The Greyhound Bus Corporation has filed a petition for a helicopter bus line. They will provide a feeder service for their Airlines by stopping at towns along the regular bus lines where airline service is not obtainable. Other bus and railroad lines are asking for rights to operate air-freight lines.

Sweden has a new fighter, the J-22, which is reported to be one of the fastest in the world.

The C.A.P. is now an official auxiliary branch of the Air Force. Its membership totals 75,000 members and it has been responsible for the spotting of 150 submarines including the sinking of some.

Although the number of pilots increased greatly in 1942, accidents decreased 92%. Greatest number of accidents occurred on landings and taxiing.

There are now 865 major airports in the United States, which is an increase of 765 over 1940.

Angel means a thousand feet of altitude to an Air Force Pilot, not a heavenly body.

"Peanut-vending" in Air Force slang means snoring.

The Sperry computing sight used in the Sperry turrets automatically compute for bullet drops, wind deflection, and lead on target up to 1000 yards.

The fastest airplane in the world today, according to official reports, is the De Havilland "Mosquito" bomber of the RAF.

The United States Air Forces in Britain has operated with less than four per cent losses in the last ten months.

—A-S Edward Melland.

Finishing Touches



The men of the 321st C. T. D. putting on the finishing touches to their uniforms prior to standing the usual rigid Saturday inspection.

Adjutant



Lt. Allan E. Hadley

The new adjutant of the 321st College Training Detachment, who was formerly S-2 officer in charge special service, is Lt. Allan E. Hadley. Quiet mannered, handsome and easy going, he is known to all of us by the genial reception and friendly manner he has extended to all who have had pleasure of coming in personal contact with him. In all of his activities here Lt. Hadley has just and honest; and has shown a deep concern for the entertainment, welfare and general well-being of the men of whom he is in charge. This article which gives the personal history of Lt. Hadley is intended to help the members of this detachment to become better acquainted with him.

Lt. Hadley was born on April 26, 1921 in Chatham, New Jersey. Regarding his birth he said, "It was a horrible experience and I never want to go through it again." He attended high school in Summit, New Jersey, and participated in soccer and track. Immediately after graduating from high school Lt. Hadley enrolled in Rutgers University at New Brunswick, New Jersey. While attending Rutgers he was active in scholastic, military, social and sports activities.

He was a member of the R.O.T.C. for four years. He spent his freshman year on the rowing crew and also went in for boxing. Lt. Hadley was equally enthusiastic in social activities. He was a member of Zeta Psi fraternity; he also belonged to the Glee Club and the Rutgers Quartet. He was also head song leader. He graduated in May, 1942 with a B. S. Degree in business administration and a commission as a 2nd Lt. in the Air Corps.

After receiving his commission, Lt. Hadley was sent to Maxwell Field where he was a tactical officer for six months.

The navigation school was moved to Selman Field, La., where during another six months period he held down (at various times) the duties of tactical officer and assistant personnel officer. After completing a three weeks course concerning College Training Detachment work, he was assigned as adjutant to Erskine College in the 38th C.T.D. in South Carolina. In April, 1943, he was transferred to Western Kentucky State Teachers College as intelligence officer.

Lt. Hadley has a brother who also is a 2nd. Lieutenant. He received his commission in the Quartermaster Corp. but is now in advanced pilot training.

A thumb-nail sketch of Lt. Hadley would show that his favorite sports is swimming, and that he is a man of many hobbies.

He collects records and is also an amateur photographer. His favorite orchestra is Charlie Barnett. He likes to read and his favorite magazine is the New Yorker and his favorite author is Robert Benchley. He is undecided about his favorite military figure he says. "It is a toss-up between Generals MacArthur and Montgomery."

In conclusion, Lt. Hadley says, "The high calibre of the men who have been stationed here at Western Kentucky State Teachers College and the pleasant surroundings of the college and college town have made the work here the most enjoyable of my sixteen months in the army. Every effort is being made to contribute to the comfort, welfare and happiness of the aviation students during their stay here.

Cadwell says: Breathes there a man with a head so dead who never to himself hath said: "Egad—I should be buying War Bonds!"

Colonel Catts Retires

Official announcement of Colonel Catt's retirement from the United States Army has been announced. Efficient professor of military science and tactics at Western, he has been officially relieved by Major Dauris Carpenter.

Colonel Catt's retirement terminates a truly brilliant military career which began when he graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1904. His initial assignment was in Seattle, Washington and from there he was transferred to garrison Alaska in 1904. His station was the now-famous Fort Egbert on the Yukon River.

After two years in Alaska, he was transferred to Fort Benjamin Harrison at Indianapolis and moved on to San Antonio, Texas, at the outbreak of the Mexican disorders. He was promoted to first lieutenant in 1911 and was sent to Panama, where he remained during the construction of the Panama Canal.

Following his service in Panama, he was ordered back to the States and 1912 found him returning to West Point as an instructor in Mathematics. Completing a four-year period of instructing, he was ordered to the Sixth Infantry and joined General John J. Pershing in a border expedition to Chihuahua, Mexico. He returned to El Paso, Texas, with the Sixth in 1917.

Colonel Catts left El Paso and went to Officers Training Camp at Chickamauga, Georgia as commanding officer of the Twelfth Company. He served at several different camps June, 1918 Colonel Catts joined the and was promoted to the rank of major while serving in that area. In Fifth-fourth Infantry and went overseas to France. Prior to going overseas, he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel. At the front, he was with the 319th Infantry until the Armistice.

After the war, Colonel Catts was ordered to General Pershing's headquarters and assigned to the training section of the general staff. He returned to the United States in 1919 and was stationed at Madison Barracks, New York. He was then transferred to the Command and General Staff school at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Upon completion of this school, he was sent to the Second Division with headquarters at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas.

In 1927, Colonel Catts went to Washington to be graduated from the Army War College. He then returned to Fort Sam Houston as officer in charge of organized reserves.

1933, as a lieutenant colonel, he was assigned to the Twenty-third Infantry at Fort Sam Houston and in 1935 was promoted to full colonel. He was detailed as R.O.T.C. officer at Headquarters of the Fourth Corps Area at Atlanta, Georgia. The following four years found him back at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas. At the conclusion of that period, he was sent to New Jersey and remained there until his appointment as commanding officer of the R.O.T.C. and director of the military program at Western.

All members of this detachment wish him continued success and good fortune.

Note: Based on an article which originally appeared in the Park City Daily News, Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Extra! Extra!

Germany To Be Plastered By New Kind Of Bomb
HITLER TO GET MOUTHFUL

HITLER TO GET MOUTHFUL . . .

It all started about one week ago when the airport accepted the new group of "Hot Pilots." The usual procedure was adhered to and the new group was shown around the field in the same manner as previous classes.

After undergoing their "breakin" period, the new students were ushered to their respective planes. "Contact!" "Contact!" The propellers whined and the planes leaped down the run way, like frightened antelope, and literally leaped into the sky.

A beautiful sight it was to see those proud "Air Knockers" straining all their horsepower to wing the new students through the air. It was a new sensation to those men who were being hurtled through; 75 per cent nitrogen, 22 per cent oxygen, 3 per cent foreign gases.

Their chests swelled with pride when their fingers first touched those "live" control sticks. They now understood the thrill of a new born "bird man." But . . .

Having given the students enough elementary flying, the instructors decided to see if those "New Boys" had guts. The next aerial pattern was to be spins.

Those thrill rendering, soul twisting, heart stimulating, Spins — the proving ground of that gastronomic organ—the stomach. This is where the lot thickens along with other things.

The power is cut—the nose rises in the air, the ground drops away as it seemingly hurtles downward.

Having exhausted all its energy and flying speed, the proud little plane dropped its head like a falling star, the tail wheel is now where the propeller was, and our occupants stomachs are where their tonsils were. This is a SPIN ! ! !

The plane, now obeying the recently passed law of gravity, hurtles downward through space. Down, down, down, until flying speed is again reached and the calm instructors level their planes and turn to see how the fledgling are making out.

What has happened? ! ! ! The windows are down, heads are out of sight, and shoulders are level with the window sill and a loud "salvo" is heard and the new type bombs are released.

This is the new type of bomb that will completely spatter the Axis off the map. This bomb will completely cover any given area in all types of patterns. The outstanding feature is the simplicity of the mechanism. There are no working parts; the loading takes place three times a day and is ready at a minutes notice.

A new era has been introduced in bombing and we predict, with the new "class E bomb mechanism." Hitler and his cohorts will really get an eye full before this war is over! V.R.A.

I had a good laugh when the Swedes told how some Nazi shore batteries had fired on what the gunners thought was a Russian convoy. Later the jumpy Germans learned that they were firing on Nazi ships. Their marksmanship was pretty good too, because they hit several of 'em. If we give those guys enough rope they'll hang themselves sure.

Prompt Delivery Of War Bonds

Prompt delivery of War Bonds under the Class B pay allotment plan is standing up to the acid test.

During the first two weeks in July the Army War Bond Officer in Chicago issued, mailed or placed in safekeeping \$1,089,278 in War Savings Bonds. This figure represents all those for which allotments had been received by June 20 and for which payment was completed during the month of June. This information comes from the offices of the Director of the War Bond Section, Headquarters Eighth Service Command.

The Army War Bond Office announced that as of June 30 the dollar value of Class B allotments by the Army was at the rate of \$23,176,000 a month and represented subscriptions from approximately 2,200,000 officers and enlisted personnel.

"Notwithstanding this response, the allotments being received by that office are not nearly sufficient to fully utilize its facilities," according to Lt. Col. Dean J. Almy, Assistant, Financial Services Division. "It is requested that War Bond Officers be urged to intensify their efforts to procure Class B allotments and to remind officers and enlisted personnel of the advantages of buying bonds through the plan and of the prompt delivery being made of all bonds thus purchased. While allotments are currently being received at a rate of 7,000 per day, this figure should be substantially increased."

A-S Wives Organize Club

On Wednesday, September 22nd approximately twenty wives of the 321st members met and discussed plans for a social type organization.

Mrs. Paul N. Garrett, wife of Western's popular president, attended and will aid the group in planning, and activating various social functions. Purpose of the club is to give the wives additional opportunities for entertainment and recreation during their stay in Bowling Green.

321st married men are encouraged to have their wives join the group and those interested should give full data to their squadron captain.

Daffynitions

Nashville—The place they put you back as you was before you got like you is.

Physics—A class where the instructor repeats knowledge for our benefit but for his review.

Cadwell—A fellow what isn't but wishes he was.

Payday—Call to alms.

Hot Pilot—A class E man who flies a cub and gets sick and then comes back boasting he could fly a B-24.

Listre Bag—Something filled with hot water to make us appreciate the water from the fountains.

Reveille: A formation stood before everyone realizes it's too early to get up.

Places To Go--- Mammoth Cave

Week-ends always present a problem to Aviation Students as far as entertainment is concerned so this column is written in order to acquaint students with interesting places that they may visit and still stay within the fifty mile limit. The Open Post is featuring this column for the purpose of alleviating that situation.

Perhaps best known is Mammoth Cave National Park, one of the great natural wonders of the world located approximately forty miles from Bowling Green, and easily available at a minimum expense. Service men are admitted free to the cave and pay only a nominal fee of twenty five cents for transportation from the park to the cave's entrance. Round trip bus fare from Bowling Green to Cave City is only \$1.10 with bus schedules fitting into the students program. Busses leave Bowling Green at 0755 and 1010. They arrive at Cave City at 0831 and 1116, respectively. Return trips from Cave City leave 1523 and 1713 and arrive in Bowling Green at 1634 and 1819. Early permission will be granted to students wishing to make the trip.

The cave itself has been a point of interest for nearly two hundred years. Legend has it, that the cave was discovered by a hunter who was chasing a bear and accidentally stumbled upon one of the many entrances.

The most beautiful section of Mammoth Cave is known as Violet City. The largest vaulted chamber has an area of two acres and a roof one hundred twenty-five feet high. Star Chamber has a ceiling of black manganese which is studied with crystals of snowy gypsum thus giving the chamber its name.

Echo river is the largest body of water yet discovered in the cave. There, three hundred and sixty feet underground are found several species of eyeless fish.

For those interested in comfort there is a modern hotel where one can secure a very fine meal. However, the chance of visiting such a celebrated place may never occur again and every Aviation Student should make an effort to visit this wonder of the New World.

Famous Pilot Gives Talks

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further testing and development of that plane. Upon his arrival in Ottawa, he was promoted to the rank of Flight Lieutenant which is equal to the USAAF rank of Captain.

His stay in Canada was terminated in October, 1942, when he was asked to return to the States on civilian status to do experimental testing at Curtiss Wright in Buffalo. Before returning to the States, Mr. Armstrong tested practically every Canadian type fighter-trainer and bomber.

Two of the best known airplanes that he has been instrumental in perfecting are the Curtiss C-46 Commando and the Curtiss P-40 which has carved a name for itself in Burma. He has tested numerous other planes for Curtiss but they are too new for publication at the present time. His position at Curtiss was main high altitude and high speed test pilot. During the development of the P-40, he was the first person to get the ship above the altitude of 37,000 feet.

On May 6, 1942, he was awarded the caterpillar emblem by "bailing out" when the plane he was dive testing actually tore apart at a speed well above 550 miles per hour.

Mr. Armstrong has flown several captured enemy planes. Among them is the M. E. 109 and he is to fly the Japanese Zero in the near future. He is also scheduled to fly the new Sikorsky Helicopter.

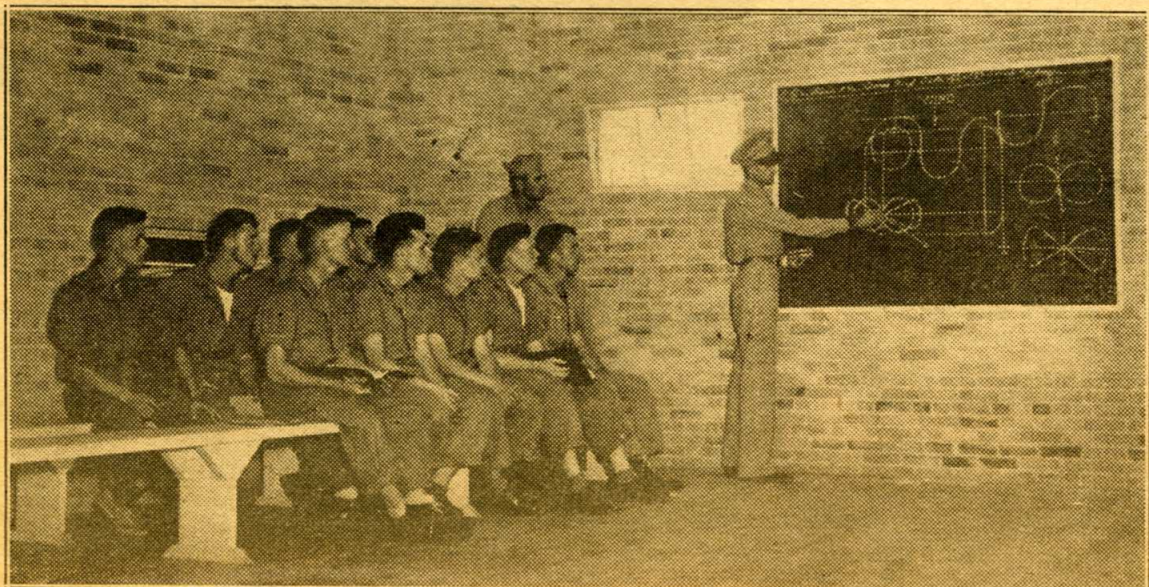
Mr. Armstrong looks on the USAAF pilot training as a great opportunity for the young men of today. He stresses careful thinking before getting on the air and especially after taking off.

Born Salesman

Rumor has it that Captain Ira Stephens, Life Insurance Officer at the Armored Replacement Training Center, Fort Knox, Kentucky really sells the boys.

Captain Stephens lines the "prospective" customers against a wall, then requests that anyone who does not desire \$10,000 of insurance take one step backward.

Hangar Classroom



Mr. Liken teaching ground school to a group of fledglings, prior to their flight training.